

Holy Scriptures of CHURCH OF GOD



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It's a Fact that there are many books all over the world. Usually, each organization has its own appropriate books, like in medical doctors' associations they have a Compendium of Clinical Practices, in engineers' associations they have a Standard Handbook, lawyers' associations they have Codes and in other organizations they have Guides, Procedures, Policies.

What I want to highlight is that it is not appropriate for lawyers to use the Standard Handbook of engineers in their profession gatherings and similarly, engineers should not use the Compendium of Clinical Practice and interpret it in their construction projects.

The Holy Scriptures exist because and for one group or people only. They should not be used by other groups or people.
. Leviticus 26:46: "These are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the Lord established between Himself and the sons of Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai.

And there is even a prohibition that God himself said,
Deuteronomy 23:3: "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the Lord forever".

The question is, these are in the Old Testament, does Christ have a similar statement?

Matthew 10:5-6: "These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'".

But in the Old Testament there is a way with conditions,
Exodus 12:43-45: "The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it. But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it. A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat of it'".

What is the method and condition in the New Testament? Here is God's command to the Apostles, Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Who were the disciples, taught by the Apostles, what is the Name of the Society or Group to which they all belonged? There are such verses in the books of the New Testament,

1 Peter 4:17: "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begins first at us, what will the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

1 Timothy 3:15: "But if I tarry a long time, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

2 Corinthians 1:1: "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia.

1 Corinthians 1:2: "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call in every place on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, theirs and ours".

Now, what business do different groups around the world have to interpret, to apply the scriptures to their groups if they are not part of the Church of God. If they say they have the right, how can they be part of the Church of God when the names of their organizations are so different from the one organization whose name is the Church of God in the Bible that was administered by the Apostles?

The Church of God is the Household of God, with laws to follow, those written in their holy scriptures. It is like a country with its own laws. China has its own Law. Singapore has its own law, and so almost all countries have their own laws that are written. And those also have jurisdictions and boundaries. Each written law is not applicable in another country, they can only be similar but not the one same written rules.

Conclusion? Uncontestable, in the past and in the present and in the times to come, the Bible (OT and NT) is fully applicable, owned and only for the Church of God. All Christians are in the Church of God only. An outsider in the household of God is not a Christian. You will not have the right faith because you will not hear the words of Christ if you are in another household, because Christ is the head of his own household that he bought with his own blood, only there within his house do his laws apply only, proofed by Revelation 22:16; 1:11. Any other house, you ask? Surely anti-Christ, no exceptions.

Do you want to apply the laws of Christ? What is your citizenship? Where are you, what house? Maybe you are not in the Church of God? The Christians invite you in. Read them, Join them. Practice with them with Christ.

The Truth.

From eternity, God is Father.

To eternity, God is Father

That from eternity, to eternity, He has His only begotten Son God.

His joy is being a Father because His joy is His Only Begotten Son God who first called Him Father from the beginning, when nothing was yet created. The joy of His Only Begotten Son is the Man, whom they created from their image, who were created here on earth for man, male and female. After all creation, everything was very good, nothing evil was created by Good God. All of that is because of and for the One, Heb 1:2-4.

There was a creature who envies Christ, and the created man and became evident enemy when he came before the woman. The perfect opposite of Christ, the antichrist, father of lies, who destroyed and killed man who was the joy of the Only Begotten Son God. Satan wanted, not only to exceed God the Son, but to be equal to God the Father. That is why God the Father has shown in his Revelation that he gave the rule of the universe to his Only Begotten Son God to show and end all the allies and foolishness of Satan. Then starts a new beginning where Elohim lives with Man, Man lives with Elohim. Joy Complete. The Master plan fulfilled, *Genesis 1:26; 5:2; Efeso 5:32; Apoc. 21:3; Proverbs 8:31, Amen.*

In that story, the antichrists will be identified, the enemies are the arrogant, always angry and those who do not believe:

1. God the Father has an Only Begotten Son. Sees highly too much of real self.
2. The creator of all things of man is the Only Begotten Son of God because nothing was created without him.
3. Being villain is evil, lies, kills, destroys, is wise, is arrogant, causes downfall of others, has no respect, lust of flesh, and the likes.
4. In the Leadership, there is no submission.
5. There are boundaries and jurisdictions, do not trespass to go up or down, uninvited or wanted, feeling important.

It seems that you have thought a lot about who and what the enemies of the Truth, the antichrists are. They can be any individual, organizations, religion, government, a country, whether they are physical or spiritual. That is why the Apostle Paul said, *Ephesians 6:12* "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the higher realms."

All the materials in this project of mine are just through a simple Google Search of available and downloadable publicly shared material so I have no control over errors and other things that others may think are errors or omissions or even additions. I only made re-arrangements. The titles are also not wrong because the books do not really have titles and the Old Testament is in the Hebrew language with Greek titles in most bibles which are not the titles recognized in the country of Israel, like Bereshit for them, but Genesis for others. It is not wrong to put titles if they fit the content of the book.

Just like my first intention to change the order of the books in the New Testament, I also changed the order of the books in the Old Testament so that I can understand the scriptures more clearly and especially for you, my friend.

Why the Bible 1905 and NKJV is because that is what Google search shows as the best parallel between Tagalog 1905 and English version in my opinion which can be said to be a reliable Formal Translation that I can download publicly online.

Friend, I have never seen a version of the Bible organized in the same way that I did. Most traditional versions of the Bible follow the canonical order established by the early groups and councils. They all strive to have different versions of the translation but do not move the alignment of the scriptures.

This led me to organize the books of the New Testament in a way that emphasizes the flow of the narrative and the development of the early Churches in each place. This can give readers a fresh perspective and a clearer understanding of the story and the main characters.

The release of a variant of the Bible with this alignment is beneficial to knowing the Truth in a more chronological and story-centered way. The version is clearly presented as a tool to hear the Church of God narrating, proclaiming, and the thematic order is to avoid confusion with the traditional canonical orders.

The purpose of this arrangement is to help readers:

1. Understand the Urgency: The opening of Revelation emphasizes the prophetic aspects that emphasize the importance of the revelation of God through Jesus Christ must be immediate and immediate.
2. Who is Christ?: After reading the Revelation of God with Christ as its central figure, readers naturally want to know more about Christ, as the Apostle Paul tells us who Christ is, providing a deep theological understanding of the Only Begotten Son of God
3. Follow the Narrative: Who is Christ according to John, Matthew, Mark, and Luke then offers a detailed account of Christ's life, teachings, death, and resurrection, providing historical and narrative context.
4. See the Growth of the Church: The Acts and Epistles to the Church of God record the growth and challenges of the Church, offering practical and theological insight for believers.

This alignment, I believe, is what the early Christians wanted to be read today in this or our day. To my surprise, if they were here today, they would all agree to the emergence of this variant. I did not destroy the scriptures by including 28, 29 and 30 here, they were not removed or lost. I just included them here as shown below contents table.

Order	NT Book	Order	NT Books	Order	OT Books	Order	OT Books
						19	Hosea
1	Revelation of God	16	2 Corinthians	1	Genesis	20	Isaiah
2	Christ according to Apostle Paul	17	Romans	2	Job	21	2 Kings
3	Christ according to Apostle John	18	Philippians	3	Exodus	22	Micah
4	Christ according to Apostle Mark	19	Colossians	4	Leviticus	23	Nahum
5	Christ according to Apostle Matthew	20	Ephesians	5	Numbers	24	Zephaniah
6	Christ according to Luke	21	2 John	6	Deuteronomy	25	Jeremiah
7	Acts of the Church of God	22	3 John	7	Joshua	26	Habakkuk
8	1 Peter	23	Philemon	8	Judges	27	Obadiah
9	1 John	24	Titus	9	Ruth	28	Lamentations
10	James	25	1 Timothy	10	1 Samuel	29	Ezekiel
11	Jude	26	2 Timothy	11	2 Samuel	30	Daniel
12	1 Thessalonians	27	2 Peter	12	1 Chronicles	31	Haggai
13	2 Thessalonians	28	The Teacher	13	2 Chronicles	32	Zechariah
14	Galatians	29	King's Proverbs	14	Song of Solomon	33	Malachi
15	1 Corinthians	30	Songs of the Forefathers	15	1 Kings	34	Esther
				16	Joel	35	Ezra
				17	Jonah	36	Nehemiah
				18	Amos		

Do not wonder, there are several chapters and verses in the Bible that are not found in the oldest manuscripts, that is why there are passages that I have strikethroughed with red marks. Here are some notable examples:

1. Mark 16:9-20: The longer ending of Mark, which includes appearances of the resurrected Jesus, is not found in the earliest manuscripts like Codex Sinaiticus
2. John 7:53-8:11: The story of the woman caught in adultery is absent in the earliest manuscripts
3. Matthew 6:13: The doxology "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." is not present in the earliest manuscripts
4. Luke 24:51: The reference to Jesus' ascension is missing in some early manuscripts
5. Matthew 17:21: "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" is not found in the earliest manuscripts
6. Matthew 18:11: "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost" is also absent in the earliest manuscripts

Below are the verses from the Old Testament books that inspired alpaba to create this variant, where the last verse below, a question of God Isaiah 44:7 that he answered, a verse like apples of gold in silver settings, in the first verse of God's Revelation. Rev 1:1-3; and 22:6,16. Glory to God.

Isaiah 34:16:

"Search in the book of the Lord, and read: None of these shall fail; none shall want their mate. For his mouth hath commanded, and his Spirit hath gathered them."

Jeremiah 15:16:

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."

Psalms 119:140:

"Your word is very pure; therefore your servant loves it."

Psalms 119:18:

"Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from your law."

Psalms 119:105:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Isaiah 55:10-11:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 48:3:

"I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from my mouth, and I caused them to be heard. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass."

Isaiah 46:10:

"Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times the things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all my pleasure.'"

Isaiah 44:7:

" And who, like me, shall call, and declare, and prepare for Me, Since I have founded the ancient people? And the things that are to come, and that shall be done, shall they declare."



Revelation of God

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John,

² who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.

³ Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

⁴ John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹ I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

¹⁵His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

¹⁶He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

¹⁷And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

^{18a}I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

¹⁹Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

2 To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, "These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

² I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

^hand you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

⁴Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent.

⁶But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

⁸ And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, "These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

¹⁰Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

¹² And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, "These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

¹³ know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

¹⁴ But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

¹⁵ Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

¹⁶ Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.'

¹⁸ And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, "These things says the

Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

¹¹ I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

²⁰ Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

²⁴ Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

²⁵ But hold fast what you have till I come.

²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations--

²⁷ He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the

potter's vessels' -- as I also have received from My Father;

² and I will give him the morning star.

²" He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

³And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, "These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

²Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.

³Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

⁴You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

⁵He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, "These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":

⁸ I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

⁹Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

¹⁰Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

¹²He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

¹⁴ And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, "These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

^{15a} know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

¹⁶ So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

¹⁷ Because you say, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing"--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

¹ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

¹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. '

⁴ After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

² Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

³ And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

⁵ And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

⁶ Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

⁸ The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and

within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

'Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

¹⁰ he twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

¹¹ You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

5 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed

to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

'Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was tenthousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

¹² saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And

strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

¹⁴Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

⁶Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

²And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

³When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

⁴Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

⁵When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

⁶And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

⁷When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

⁸So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

⁹When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

¹¹Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

^{12a} I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

¹³And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

¹⁴Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

¹⁵And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

¹⁶and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

¹⁷For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

⁷After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

³saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

⁴And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

⁵of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

⁶of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;

⁷of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

⁸of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹²saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and

power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

¹⁶They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat;

¹⁷For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

⁸When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

²And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

³Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints

upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

⁴And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

⁵Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

⁶So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

⁷The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

'And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

¹²Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

¹³And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

9Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

²And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

³Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

⁴They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

⁵And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

⁶In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

⁷The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

⁸They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

⁹And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

¹⁰They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.

¹¹And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

¹²One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

¹³Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

¹⁴saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

¹⁵So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

¹⁶Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

¹⁷And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.

¹ By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed--by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

¹For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

²⁰But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

²¹And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

²He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

^hand cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

⁴Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

⁵The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven

⁶and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

⁷but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

⁸Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."

So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

¹⁰Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as

sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

¹¹And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

1 1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.

²But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

³And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth.

⁵And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

⁶These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

⁷When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

⁸And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

⁹Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

¹⁰And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

¹²And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

¹³In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

¹⁵Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

¹⁶And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

¹⁷saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

¹ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

¹Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

1 ²Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

²Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having

seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

⁴His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

⁵She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.

⁶Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

⁷And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,

⁸but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

⁹So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their

testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

¹²Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

¹³Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.

¹⁴But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

¹⁵So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

¹⁶But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

¹⁷And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1 ³Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

²Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

³And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

⁴So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

⁵And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

⁶Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

⁷It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

⁸All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

'If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

¹⁰He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

¹ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

¹ ⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--

⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

⁸And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

'Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,

¹⁰he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

¹²Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

¹³Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

¹⁴Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

¹⁵And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

¹⁶So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

¹ And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

¹ So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

²⁰And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

1 ⁵Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

²And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the

number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

³They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

⁴Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

⁵After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

⁶And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

⁷Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

'The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

1 ⁶Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

²So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

³Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

⁴Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

⁵And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.

⁶For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."

⁷And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

⁸Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

'And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

¹⁰Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

¹¹They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

¹²Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

¹³And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

¹⁴For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

¹⁵ Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

¹⁶And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

¹⁷Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

¹⁸ And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

²⁰Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

²¹And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

1 ⁷Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

²with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

³So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

⁴The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.

⁵And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE

GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE
EARTH.

⁶I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

⁷But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

"Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

¹⁰There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.

¹¹The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

¹²The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

¹³These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

¹⁵Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

¹⁶And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

¹⁷For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

¹⁸And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

1 8After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

²And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

³For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

⁴And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

⁵For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

⁶Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.

⁷In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, "I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'

⁸Therefore her plagues will come in one day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

"The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

¹⁰standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

¹¹'And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore:

¹² merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

^h and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

¹⁴The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

¹⁵The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

¹⁶and saying, "Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

¹⁷For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

¹ and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, "What is like this great city?'

¹⁹They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, "Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate."

²⁰Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"

²¹Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."

²²The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

²³The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

²⁴And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

1 9After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!"

²For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

³Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"

⁵Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

⁶And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

⁷Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

⁸And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

'Then he said to me, "Write: "Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!"' And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

¹⁰And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not

do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

¹¹Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

¹²His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

¹³He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

¹⁵Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

¹⁶And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

¹⁸that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty

men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

¹ And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

²⁰Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

²¹And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

2 O Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

^hand he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who

had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

⁶Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

⁷Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

⁸and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

⁹They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

¹⁰The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the

earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

¹⁵And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

2 1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

²Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death,

nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

⁵Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

⁶And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

⁷He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

⁸But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

'Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

¹¹having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

¹²Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them,

which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

¹³three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

¹⁶The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.

¹⁷Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

¹⁸The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

²⁰the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

²¹The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²²But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

²³The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

²⁴And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

²⁵Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

²⁶And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

²⁷But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

22 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

²In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

³And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall

be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

⁴They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

⁵There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

⁶Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

⁷Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

⁸Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

'Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

¹⁰And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

¹¹He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

¹² And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

¹⁶ ¶, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The Christ according to Apostle Paul

¹ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

⁶ But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

⁷ And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of

righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

¹⁰ And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment;

¹² Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

¹³ But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

² Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first

began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

⁴God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

⁵For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.

⁶But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?

⁷You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands.

⁸You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

'But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one,

for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

¹²saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

¹³And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."

¹⁴asmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

¹⁶For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

¹ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

³Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

²who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.

³For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

⁴For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.

⁵And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,

⁶but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice,

⁸Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.

¹⁰Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, "They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'

¹¹so I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest."

¹²Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

¹³but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

¹⁴For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

¹⁵while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?

¹⁷Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

¹⁸And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

¹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

⁴Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

²For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

³For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest,"

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";

⁵and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest."

⁶Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

⁷again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

¹⁰For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

¹¹Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

¹²For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁵For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

²He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

³Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.

⁴And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You."

⁶As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek";

⁷who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

⁸though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

'And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

¹⁰called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

¹¹ whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

¹³For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

⁶Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

²of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

³And this we will do if God permits.

⁴For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

⁵and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

⁶if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

⁷For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God;

⁸but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

¹⁰For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you

have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

¹² that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

¹³ For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,

¹⁴ saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you."

¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,

¹ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

¹ This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High

Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace,"

³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

⁴ Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

⁵ And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;

⁶ but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

⁷ Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

⁸ Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

⁹ Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,

¹⁰F or he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

¹¹Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

¹²For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

¹³For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

¹⁵And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest

¹⁶who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

¹⁷For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

¹⁸For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

¹⁹ or the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of

a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

²⁰And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath

²¹(for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek")),

²²by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

²³Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

²⁴But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

²⁵Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

²⁷who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

²⁸For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law,

appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

⁸Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

²a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

³For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.

⁴For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

^swho serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

⁶But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

⁸Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new

covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--

⁹not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD.

¹⁰For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

¹¹None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

¹²For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

^{h 0}n that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

⁹Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.

²For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;

^hand behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,

⁴which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

^sand above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.

⁷But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;

⁸the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

'It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience--

¹⁰concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

¹¹But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater

and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

¹²Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

¹³For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

¹⁴how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁵And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

¹⁶For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

¹⁷For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

¹ Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.

¹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

²⁰saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you."

²¹Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

²²And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

²³Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

²⁴For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

²⁵not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another--

²⁶He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

²⁷And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

²⁸so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

10 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

²For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

³But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

⁴For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

⁵Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.

⁶In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God."

⁸Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law),

then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

¹⁰By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

¹²But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

¹³from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

¹⁴For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

¹⁶This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

¹⁷Then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

¹⁸Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

²⁰by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

²¹and having a High Priest over the house of God,

²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

²⁴And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

²⁶For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

²⁷but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

²⁸Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

²⁹Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

³⁰For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."

³¹I is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³²But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings:

³³partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated;

³⁴or you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

³⁵Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

³⁷'For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

³⁸Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

³But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

1 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

²For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

³By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.

⁵By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

⁷By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

'By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise;

¹⁰F or he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

¹¹By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude--innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

¹⁴For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

¹⁵And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had

received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

¹⁸ whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

¹⁹ concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

²⁰By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

²¹By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

²²By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

²⁷By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

²¹By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

²¹By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

³¹By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

³²And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:

³³who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

^{34q}quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

³⁵Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

³⁶still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented--

³⁸whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

³¹And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

⁴⁰God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

1 ²Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

⁴You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

⁶For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."

⁷If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

'But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

'Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

¹⁰For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

¹¹Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,

^h and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

¹⁴Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

¹⁵ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

¹⁶ lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,

¹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

²⁰(For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow."

²¹And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")

²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

²³ the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

²⁴ o Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

²⁶whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

²⁷Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

²¹ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

²¹ For our God is a consuming fire.

1 ³Let brotherly love continue.

²Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

³Remember the prisoners as if chained with them--those who are mistreated--since you yourselves are in the body also.

⁴Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

⁵Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

⁶So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

⁷Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

⁹Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the

sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

¹²Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

¹³Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

¹⁴For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

¹⁵Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

¹⁶But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

¹⁷Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

¹⁸Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably.

¹⁹But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

²¹make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²²And I appeal to you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written to you in few words.

²³Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

²⁴Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

²⁵Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Christ according to Apostle John

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, "He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me."

¹⁶And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

¹⁷For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

¹⁹Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are

you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

²²Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

²³He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make straight the way of the LORD,'" as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.

²⁵And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know.

²⁷ is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰This is He of whom I said, "After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

³¹ did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

³²And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

³³) did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

³⁴And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

³⁶And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"

³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the

Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

⁴³The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

⁴⁸Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

⁵¹And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

²On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

³Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

⁴And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

⁶His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

⁷Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

⁸Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

⁹And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it.

¹⁰When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the

water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

¹⁰And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

¹¹This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

¹²After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.

¹³Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

¹⁵When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

¹⁶And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

¹⁷Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

¹ So the Jews answered and said to Him, "What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?"

¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

²⁰Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

²²Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

²⁴But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men,

²⁵and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again."

'The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

'Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?

¹¹Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

¹²) I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

²⁰For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

²¹But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

²²After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized.

²³Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much

water there. And they came and were baptized.

²⁴For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification.

²⁶And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified--behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

²⁷John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.

²¹You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, "I am not the Christ," but, "I have been sent before Him."

²He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease.

³¹He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

³²And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.

³³He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

³⁴For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.

³⁵The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

³⁶He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

⁴Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John

²(though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples),

³He left Judea and departed again to Galilee.

⁴But He needed to go through Samaria.

⁵So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

⁶Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

⁸For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

'Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

¹⁰Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

¹¹The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?

¹²Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,

¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

¹⁵The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

¹⁷The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'

¹⁸ or you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

¹⁹The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

²²You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

²³But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

²⁷And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why are You talking with her?"

²⁸The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

²⁹"Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

³⁰Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

Um the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

³²But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."

³³Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"

³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.

³⁵Do you not say, "There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

³⁶And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

³⁷For in this the saying is true: "One sows and another reaps."

³⁸sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

³⁹And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

⁴⁰So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

⁴¹And many more believed because of His own word.

⁴²Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

⁴³Now after the two days He departed from there and went to Galilee.

⁴⁴For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

⁴⁵So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

⁴⁶So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to

Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

⁴ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

⁴ The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

⁵¹ And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!"

⁵² Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

⁵³ So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

⁵⁴ This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

⁵ After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

⁷ The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

¹⁰ The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

¹¹ He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

¹² Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

¹³But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

¹⁵The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.

¹⁷But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

¹ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

¹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

²⁰For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

²²For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

²³that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

²⁴Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

²⁵Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

²⁶For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,

²⁷and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

²⁸Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

²⁹and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

³⁰I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

^{31a} I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.

³²There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

³³You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

³⁴Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

³⁵He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.

³⁶But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.

³⁷And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

³⁸But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.

³⁹You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

⁴⁰But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

^{41a}I do not receive honor from men.

⁴²But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

⁴³have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

⁴⁴How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

⁴⁵Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you--Moses, in whom you trust.

⁴⁶For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

⁶After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

²Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

³And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

⁴Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

⁵Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

⁶But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

⁷Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

⁸One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

¹⁰Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

¹¹And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹²So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."

¹³Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.

¹⁶Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea,

¹⁷Got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them.

¹⁸Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing.

¹⁹So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid.

²⁰But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

²¹Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

²²On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone--

²³however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks--

²⁴when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

²⁶Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

²⁷Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

²⁸Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

³⁰Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do?"

³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

³²Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

³⁵And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

³⁶But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

³⁷All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

³⁹This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

⁴⁰And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

⁴¹The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven."

⁴²And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves.

⁴⁴No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁴⁵ is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

^{48a} am the bread of life.

⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

⁵⁰This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

^{51a} am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

⁵²The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

⁵³Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

⁵⁵For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.

⁵⁶He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

⁵⁷As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

⁵⁸This is the bread which came down from heaven--not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

⁵⁹ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

⁶⁰Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

⁶¹When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"

⁶²What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him.

⁶⁵And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

⁶⁶From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

⁶⁷Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

⁶⁸But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

⁶⁹Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

⁷⁰Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

⁷¹He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

⁷After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

²Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.

³His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.

⁴For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

⁵For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

⁶Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.

⁸You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."

⁹When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

¹⁰But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

¹¹Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?"

¹²And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."

¹³However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

¹⁵And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

¹⁶ Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

¹⁷ anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

¹ Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"

²⁰ The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?"

²¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel.

²² Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

²³ a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

²⁵ Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill?

²⁶ But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?

²⁷ However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."

²⁸ Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

²¹ But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."

³⁰ Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

³¹ And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"

³² The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.

³³ Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.

³⁴ You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."

³⁵ Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

³⁶What is this thing that He said, "You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

³⁷On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

³⁸He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

³⁹But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet."

⁴¹Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"

⁴²Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"

⁴³So there was a division among the people because of Him.

⁴⁴Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

⁴⁵Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"

⁴⁶The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!"

⁴⁷Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?"

⁴⁸Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?

⁴⁹But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

⁵⁰Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,

⁵¹Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?"

⁵²They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

⁵³And everyone went to his own house.

⁵⁴But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

⁵⁵Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

⁵⁶Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst,

⁵⁷they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.

⁵Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"

⁶This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear.

⁷So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

'And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

'Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

¹⁰When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

¹²Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

¹³The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."

¹⁴Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going.

¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.

¹⁶And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.

¹⁷It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.

¹⁸I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me."

¹⁹Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also."

²⁰These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

²¹Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come."

²²So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'?"

²³And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

²⁴Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

²⁵Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

^{26a}have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him."

²⁷They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

²ⁱ Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

²ⁱ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

³⁰As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

³³They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have

never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, "You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.

³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.

³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

³⁷ⁱ know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.

³⁸ speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father."

³ⁱ They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.

⁴⁰But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

⁴¹you do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.

⁴³Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.

⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

⁴⁵But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.

⁴⁶Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?

⁴⁷He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

⁴⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

⁵⁰And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

⁵¹Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."

⁵²Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.'

⁵³Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the

prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"

⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

⁵⁵Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

⁵⁶Our father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

⁵⁷Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

⁵⁹Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

⁶⁰Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.

⁶¹And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

⁶²Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

⁴I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

⁷And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

'Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"

Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he."

¹⁰Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

¹¹He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

¹²Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

¹⁶Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

¹⁷They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²⁰His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

²¹but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

²²His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

²⁵He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

²⁷He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

²⁸Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples."

²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

³⁰The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!"

³¹Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

³²Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

³³this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

³⁴They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

³⁶He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

³⁷And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

³⁸Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

³⁹And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

⁴⁰Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"

⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."

10 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

³To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

⁵Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

⁷Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

'All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

'I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

¹²But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves

the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

¹³The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

^{14a} I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

¹⁵As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

¹⁶And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

¹⁷Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

¹ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

¹ Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

²⁰And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?"

²¹Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

²²Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

²³And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.

²⁴Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me.

²⁶But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

²⁸And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

³⁰and My Father are one."

³¹Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

³²Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

³³The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, 'You are gods'?"

³⁵He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

³⁶do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

³⁷) I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

³⁸but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

³⁹Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

⁴⁰And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed.

⁴¹Then many came to Him and said, "John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true."

⁴²And many believed in Him there.

1 1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

²It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with

her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

³Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

⁴When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

⁶So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.

⁷Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

⁸The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"

'Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

¹⁰But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

¹¹These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

¹²Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well."

¹³However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

¹⁴Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

¹⁵And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

¹⁶Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

¹⁷So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.

¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away.

¹⁹And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

²⁰Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

²¹Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

²²But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

²⁶And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

²⁸And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you."

²⁹As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him.

³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him.

³¹Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

³²Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.

³⁴And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

³⁷And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

⁴²And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

⁴³Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

⁴⁴And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his

face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.

⁴⁶But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

⁴⁷Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs.

⁴⁸ we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation."

⁴⁹And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,

⁵⁰nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish."

⁵¹Now this he did not say on his own authority; but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,

⁵²and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

⁵³Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

⁵⁴Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

⁵⁵And the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went from the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves.

⁵⁶Then they sought Jesus, and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple, "What do you think--that He will not come to the feast?"

⁵⁷Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

1 ²Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

²There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

³Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

⁴But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

⁵ Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

⁷ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

⁸ For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

'Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

¹⁰ But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

¹² The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

¹³ took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" The King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ 'Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

¹⁷ Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

¹ For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

¹ The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

²⁰ Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast.

²¹ Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

²² Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

²³ But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.

²⁴ Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

²⁵He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

²⁷ Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save Me from this hour"? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

²⁸Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

²⁹Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

³⁰Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.

³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

³²And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

³³This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

³⁴The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

³⁵Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

³⁷But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

³ that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"

³ Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

⁴⁰ He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."

⁴¹These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

⁴²Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

⁴³ or they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

⁴⁴Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

⁴⁵And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

⁴⁶ have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

⁴⁷And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

⁴⁸He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

⁴⁹For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

⁵⁰And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

1 ³Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

²And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him,

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God,

⁴rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.

⁵After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

⁶Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

⁸Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

¹¹For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

¹²So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again,

He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

¹⁴I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

¹⁶Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

¹⁷you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

^{18a}do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, "He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me."

¹⁹Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

²⁰Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

²¹When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

²²Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

²³Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

²⁵Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

²⁷Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

²¹ But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.

²¹ For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

³⁰Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

³¹So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

³² God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

³³ Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, "Where I am going, you cannot come," so now I say to you.

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

³⁶ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

³⁷ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

³⁸ Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

14 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

² In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to

Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know."

⁵ Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

⁷ If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, "Show us the Father"?

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

¹² Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

¹³And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

¹⁴ you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

^{15a} you love Me, keep My commandments.

¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

¹⁷The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

^{18a} will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

^{1"} A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.

²⁰At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

²¹He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

²³Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will

come to him and make Our home with him.

²⁴He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

²⁵These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

²⁷Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

²⁸You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

^{2"} And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

³⁰ will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.

³¹But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

¹ 5 I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

¹⁰ you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another.

^{18a} the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master." If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

²¹ But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

²² I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

²³ He who hates Me hates My Father also.

²⁴) I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

²⁵ But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, "They hated Me without a cause.'

²⁶ But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

1 ⁶ These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

² They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

³ And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me.

⁴ But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. "And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, "Where are You going?'

⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

'of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

¹⁰ f righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

¹¹ judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹² still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶^NA little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

¹⁷Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

¹ They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying."

¹⁹Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

²⁰Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

²¹A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

²²Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will

rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

²³'And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵^NThese things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father.

²⁶In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;

²⁷for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

^{28a}I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

²⁹His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech!"

³⁰Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

³¹Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

³² Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

¹ ⁷ Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶ I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

⁷ Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹ "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

¹⁰ And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

^{14a} I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

^{15a} I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

¹ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

^{20a} do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

²¹ hat they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

²³ in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

²⁴ 'Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

1 8 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.

² And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

³ Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

⁴ Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

⁵ They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

⁶ Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷ Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

⁸ Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,"

'that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

¹²Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.

¹³And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.

¹⁴Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

¹⁶But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

¹⁷Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

¹Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves.

And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

¹ The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

²⁰Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.

²¹Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

²²And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"

²³Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

²⁴Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"

²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

²⁷Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

²¹ Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

²² Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

³⁰ They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

³¹ Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,"

³² That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

³³ Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

³⁴ Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

⁴⁰ Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

1 ⁹ So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

² And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.

³ Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.

⁴ Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

⁵ Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"

⁶Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

'Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid,

'and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

¹¹Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

¹³When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

¹⁴Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

¹⁵But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

¹⁶Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

¹⁷And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

¹⁸where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

¹⁹Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁰Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

²¹Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews. ' "

²²Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part,

and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

²⁴They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

²⁵Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

²⁷Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

²⁹Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

³⁰So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

³¹Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath

(for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

³⁵And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

³⁶For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."

³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

³ After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

³ And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

⁴⁰Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

⁴¹Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

⁴²So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.

2 ONow the first day of the week

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

²Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

³Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb.

⁴So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

⁵And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there,

⁷and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

⁸Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed.

'For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

¹⁰Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

¹¹But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

¹²And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

¹³Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

¹⁴Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God."

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

21 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself:

²Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

⁴But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

⁵Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

⁶And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

⁷Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.

⁹Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

¹¹Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"-- knowing that it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

¹⁴This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

¹⁵So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

¹⁶He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

¹⁸Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you

are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

¹' This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

²⁰Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

²¹ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

²²Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

²³Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

²⁴This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

The Christ according to Apostle Mark

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You."

³ "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight."

⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

⁵ Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰ And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

¹¹ Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

¹² Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

¹³ And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

¹⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

¹⁸ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

¹⁹ When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of

Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets.

²⁰And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

²¹Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught.

²²And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

²³Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

²⁴saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"

²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

²⁶And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

²⁷Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

²⁸And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

²¹ Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once.

³¹So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

³²At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.

³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

³⁴Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

³⁵Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

³⁶And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him.

³⁷When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

³⁸But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."

³⁹And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

⁴⁰Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

⁴¹Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

⁴²As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

⁴³And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once,

⁴⁴and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

⁴⁵However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

2 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.

²Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to

receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

³Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.

⁴And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

⁵When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you."

⁶And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

⁷ Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

'But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?"

'Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, "Arise, take up your bed and walk'?"

¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-
-He said to the paralytic,

¹¹ say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

¹² immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all,

so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

¹³Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them.

¹⁴As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

¹⁵Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him.

¹⁶And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

¹ The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

¹ And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.

²⁰But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

²¹No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.

²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

²³Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain.

²⁴And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him:

²⁶how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?"

²⁷And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

²⁸Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

3And He entered the synagogue again, and a man was there who had a withered hand.

²So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

³And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Step forward."

⁴Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they kept silent.

⁵And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

⁶Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him.

⁷But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea

⁸and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him.

'So He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him.

¹⁰For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him.

¹¹And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

¹²But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

¹³And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

¹⁴Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,

¹⁵and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:

¹⁶Simon, to whom He gave the name Peter;

¹⁷James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder";

¹⁸Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite;

¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. And they went into a house.

²⁰Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

²¹But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind."

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons."

²³So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: "How can Satan cast out Satan?

²⁴ a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end.

²⁷No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

²⁸"Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter;

²⁹ but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation"--

³⁰because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him.

³²And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You."

³³But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?"

³⁴And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!

³⁵For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

4And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea.

²Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:

³"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.

⁴And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it.

⁵Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth.

⁶But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

⁷And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

⁸But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

'And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

¹⁰But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable.

¹¹And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,

¹²so that "Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them."

¹³And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?

¹⁴The sower sows the word.

¹⁵And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

¹⁶These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

¹⁷and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.

¹⁸Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word,

¹⁹and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²⁰But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

²¹Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?

²²For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.

²³ anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

²⁴Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.

²⁵For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

²⁶And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground,

²⁷and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how.

²¹For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

²¹But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it?

³¹ is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth;

³²but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

³³And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it.

³⁴But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

³⁵On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side."

³⁶Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

³¹ But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

³¹Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

⁴¹And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

⁵Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

²And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

³who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains,

⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the

shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him.

⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

⁶When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him.

⁷And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

'For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"

'Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

¹⁰Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

¹¹Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains.

¹²So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them."

¹³And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴so those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country.

And they went out to see what it was that had happened.

¹⁵Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

¹⁶And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine.

¹⁷Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region.

¹ And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him.

¹ However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

²¹Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.

²²And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet

²³and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her,

that she may be healed, and she will live."

²⁴So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

²⁵Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

²⁶and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

²⁷When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

²⁸For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

²⁹Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

³⁰And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

³¹But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

³²And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.

³³But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

³⁴And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

³⁵While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

³⁶As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

³⁷And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

³⁸Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly.

³⁹When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

⁴⁰And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying.

⁴¹Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

⁴²Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

⁴³But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

⁶Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

²And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!

^EIs this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

⁴But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

⁵Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

⁷And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

⁸He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff--no bag,

no bread, no copper in their money belts--

⁹but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

¹⁰Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place.

¹¹And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

¹²So they went out and preached that people should repent.

¹³And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

¹⁴Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

¹⁵So others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."

¹⁶But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!"

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

¹ Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

¹ Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;

²⁰ or Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

²¹ Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee.

²² And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you."

²³ He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

²⁴ So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

²⁵ Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.

²⁷ Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison,

²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

³⁰ Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

³¹ And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

³² So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

³³ But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him.

³⁴ And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

³⁵ When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late.

³⁶Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."

³⁷But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

³⁸But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.

⁴⁰So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

⁴¹And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.

⁴²So they all ate and were filled.

⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish.

⁴⁴Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

⁴⁵Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away.

⁴⁶And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land.

⁴⁸Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

⁴⁹And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out;

⁵⁰or they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

⁵¹Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled.

⁵²For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there.

⁵⁴And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him,

⁵⁵and through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was.

⁵⁶Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

⁷Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem.

²Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault.

³For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders.

⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

⁵Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"

⁶He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.'

⁷And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men --the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

'He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.

¹⁰For Moses said, "Honor your father and your mother"; and, "He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

¹¹But you say, "If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"--' (that is, a gift to God),

¹²then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother,

¹³ making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

¹⁴When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand:

¹⁵There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.

¹⁶ anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"

¹⁷When He had entered a house away from the crowd, His disciples asked Him concerning the parable.

¹ So He said to them, "Are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him,

¹ because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"

²⁰ And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man.

²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

²⁴ From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden.

²⁵ For a woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet.

²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ But Jesus said to her, "Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

²⁸ And she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children's crumbs."

²¹ Then He said to her, "For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."

³⁰ And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.

³¹ Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.

³² Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him.

³³ And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue.

³⁴ Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

³⁵ Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it.

³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all

things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

8 In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them,

² I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.

³ And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar."

⁴ Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"

⁵ He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

⁶ So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude.

⁷ They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them.

⁸ So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments.

'Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away,

¹⁰ immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

¹¹ Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him.

¹² But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation."

¹³ And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the otherside.

¹⁴ Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat.

¹⁵ Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

¹⁶ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have no bread."

¹⁷ But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?

¹⁸ Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?

¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?" They said to Him, "Twelve."

^{20a}Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?" And they said, "Seven."

²¹So He said to them, "How is it you do not understand?"

²²Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him.

²³So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

²⁴And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

²⁵Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

²⁶Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

²⁷Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?"

²⁸So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."

²⁹He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

³⁰Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

³¹And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³²He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

³³But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

³⁴When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

³⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

³⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

³⁷Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

³⁸For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

⁹ And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

² Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them.

³ His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

⁴ And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-

⁶ because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid.

⁷ And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

'Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

¹⁰ So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

¹¹ And they asked Him, saying, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

¹² Then He answered and told them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?

¹³ But I say to you that Elijah has also come, and they did to him whatever they wished, as it is written of him."

¹⁴ And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them.

¹⁵ immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him.

¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, "What are you discussing with them?"

¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

¹⁹ He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be

with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

²⁰Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

²¹So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

²²And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

²³Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

²⁵When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

²⁶Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

²⁸And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

²⁹So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

³⁰Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it.

³¹For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

³²But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

³³Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?"

³⁴But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest.

³⁵And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."

³⁶Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them,

^{37a}Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

³⁸Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your

name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

⁴⁰For he who is not against us is on our side.

⁴¹For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.

⁴³your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched--

⁴⁴where "Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'

⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched--

⁴⁶where "Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather

than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire--

⁴⁸where "Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'

⁴⁹" For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.

⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

1 OThen He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

²The Pharisees came and asked Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" testing Him.

³And He answered and said to them, "What did Moses command you?"

⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her."

⁵And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

⁶But from the beginning of the creation, God "made them male and female.'

⁷ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,

⁸ and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.

'Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.'

¹⁰ In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.

¹¹ So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

¹² And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³ Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

¹⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

¹⁶ And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

¹⁷ Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him,

and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

¹⁹ You know the commandments: "Do not commit adultery,' "Do not murder,' "Do not steal,' "Do not bear false witness,' "Do not defraud,' "Honor your father and your mother."

²⁰ And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

²¹ Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

²² But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

²⁸Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."

²⁹So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's,

³⁰who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life.

³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

³²Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him:

³³Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles;

³⁴and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³⁷They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

³⁹They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized;

⁴⁰but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared."

⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

⁴²But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

⁴³Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

⁴⁴And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all.

⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

⁴⁶Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

⁵⁰And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

⁵¹So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

1 1 Now when they drew near

Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples;

²and He said to them, "Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring it.

³And if anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?' say, "The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."

⁴So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it.

⁵But some of those who stood there said to them, "What are you doing, loosing the colt?"

⁶And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go.

⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.

⁸And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

¹⁰Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

¹¹And Jesus went into Jerusalem and into the temple. So when He had looked around at all things, as the hour was already late, He went out to Bethany with the twelve.

¹²Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry.

¹³And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

¹⁴In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.

¹⁵So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

¹⁶And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.

¹⁷Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

¹⁸And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the people were astonished at His teaching.

¹⁹When evening had come, He went out of the city.

²⁰Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

²¹And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away."

²²So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God.

²³For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

²⁴Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

²⁵'And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

²⁶But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

²⁷Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him.

²⁸And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things?

And who gave You this authority to do these things?"

²⁹But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things:

³⁰The baptism of John--was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me."

³¹And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

³²But if we say, "From men"--they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed.

³³So they answered and said to Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus answered and said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

1 ²Then He began to speak to them in parables: "A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a place for the wine vat and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

²Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that he might receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers.

³And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

⁴Again he sent them another servant, and at him they threw stones, wounded

him in the head, and sent him away shamefully treated.

⁵And again he sent another, and him they killed; and many others, beating some and killing some.

⁶Therefore still having one son, his beloved, he also sent him to them last, saying, "They will respect my son.'

⁷But those vinedressers said among themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'

⁸So they took him and killed him and cast him out of the vineyard.

"Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vinedressers, and give the vineyard to others.

¹⁰Have you not even read this Scripture: "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

¹¹This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

¹²And they sought to lay hands on Him, but feared the multitude, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. So they left Him and went away.

¹³Then they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in His words.

¹⁴When they had come, they said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and care about no one; for You do not

regard the person of men, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?

¹⁵ Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a denarius that I may see it."

¹⁶ So they brought it. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's."

¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at Him.

¹ Then some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him; and they asked Him, saying:

¹⁹ 'Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

²⁰ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife; and dying, he left no offspring.

²¹ And the second took her, and he died; nor did he leave any offspring. And the third likewise.

²² So the seven had her and left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also.

²³ Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? For all seven had her as wife."

²⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?

²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

²⁶ But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."

²⁸ Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

² Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: "Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

³⁰ And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

³¹ And the second, like it, is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

³² So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for

there is one God, and there is no other but He.

³³And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

³⁵Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David?

³⁶For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

³⁷Therefore David himself calls Him "Lord"; how is He then his Son?" And the common people heard Him gladly.

³⁸Then He said to them in His teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces,

³⁹the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

⁴⁰who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

⁴¹Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much.

⁴²Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans.

⁴³So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury;

⁴⁴ or they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

¹ OThen as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"

²And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,

⁴ Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?"

⁵And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

⁶For many will come in My name, saying, "I am He," and will deceive many.

⁷But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet.

⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows.

"But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them.

¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

¹¹But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.

¹²Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

¹³And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

¹⁴ So when you see the "abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let

the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

¹⁵Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.

¹⁶And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

¹⁷But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

¹⁸And pray that your flight may not be in winter.

¹⁹ For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.

²⁰And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

²¹ Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" or, "Look, He is there!" do not believe it.

²²For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

²³But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

²⁴ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵ he stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

²⁷ And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

²⁸ Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

²⁹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near--at the doors!

³⁰ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³² But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³³ Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

³⁴ is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

³⁵ Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, at midnight, at

the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning--

³⁶ lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping.

³⁷ And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

¹ ⁴ After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put Him to death.

² But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people."

³ And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

⁴ But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted?"

⁵ For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me.

⁷ For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.

⁸She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

'Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.'

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them.

¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

¹²Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?"

¹³And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.

¹⁴Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, "The Teacher says, 'Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?'"

¹⁵Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

¹⁶So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷In the evening He came with the twelve.

¹⁸Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me."

¹⁹And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?"

²⁰He answered and said to them, "It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish.

²¹The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

²²And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²³Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

²⁵Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: "I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.'

²⁸" But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

²⁹ Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."

³⁰Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

³¹But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

³²Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

³³And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.

³⁴Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch."

³⁵He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

³⁶And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

³⁷Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?"

³⁸Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

³⁹Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words.

⁴⁰And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

⁴¹Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴²Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

⁴³And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

⁴⁴Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely."

⁴⁵As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

⁴⁶Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

⁴⁷ And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁴⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me?

⁴⁹ I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

⁵⁰ Then they all forsook Him and fled.

⁵¹ Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him,

⁵² and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

⁵³ And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.

⁵⁴ But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.

⁵⁶ For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying,

⁵⁸ "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'"

⁵⁹ But not even then did their testimony agree.

⁶⁰ And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

⁶¹ But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

⁶² Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?

⁶⁴ You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

⁶⁵ Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophesy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.

⁶⁶ Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.

⁶⁷ And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁶ But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

⁶ And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them."

⁷⁰ But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."

⁷¹ Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

⁷² A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept.

1 Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.

² Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered and said to him, "It is as you say."

³ And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing.

⁴ Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!"

⁵ But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

⁶ Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.

⁷ And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.

⁸ Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them.

⁹ But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

¹⁰ For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.

¹² Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

¹³ So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

¹⁴ Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"

¹⁵ So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison.

¹⁷And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head,

¹and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

¹Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him.

²⁰And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

²¹Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

²²And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

²³Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.

²⁴And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

²⁵Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

²⁶And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

²⁷with Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.

²⁸So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors."

²⁹And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days,

³⁰save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

³¹Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save.

³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

³³Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

³⁵Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!"

³⁶Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down."

³⁷And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

³⁸Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

³⁹So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome,

⁴¹who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

⁴²Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁴⁴Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.

⁴⁵So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

⁴⁶Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

⁴⁷And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

1 ⁶Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

²Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

³And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away--for it was very large.

⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

⁷But go, tell His disciples--and Peter--that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

⁸So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

'Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

¹⁰She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.

¹¹And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

¹²After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.

¹³And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

¹⁴Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked

their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

^{1'} they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

^{1'} So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

The Christ according to Apostle Matthew

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

² Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

⁴ Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,

⁶ and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.

⁷ Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

⁸ Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.

⁹ Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

¹⁰ Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.

¹¹ Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

¹² And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.

¹³ Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

¹⁴ Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.

¹⁵ Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

¹⁶ And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

²⁰But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

²¹And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

²²So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

²³Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

²⁴Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

²⁵and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

2Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

²saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

⁶But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel."

⁷Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

⁹When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

¹¹And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented

gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹²Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

¹³Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

¹⁴When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

¹⁵and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

^{1"} A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."

^{1'} Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

²⁰saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead."

²¹Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.

²³And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight."

⁴Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him

⁶and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

'Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

'and do not think to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

¹⁰And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

¹⁴And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

¹⁵But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

¹⁶When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

¹⁷And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

4Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

²And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

³Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

⁴But He answered and said, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

⁶and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'"

⁸Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

'And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

¹³And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

¹⁴ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

¹⁵ The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

¹⁶The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

¹⁹Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

²⁰They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

²¹Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

²²and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

²³And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

²⁴Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

²⁵Great multitudes followed Him--from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

5And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

²Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

^{11a} Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

¹²Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³ You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

¹⁸For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

¹ Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'

²² But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, "Raca!" shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, "You fool!" shall be in danger of hell fire.

²³ Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

²⁶ Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not commit adultery.'

²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your

members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

³¹ 'Furthermore it has been said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

³² But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

³³ 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.'

³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;

³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

³⁶ Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.

³⁷ But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No." For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

³⁸ You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

³⁹But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

⁴⁰ anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.

⁴¹And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

⁴²Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

⁴³You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy."

⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

⁴⁷And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?

⁴⁸Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

⁶ Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

³But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

⁴that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

⁵ And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

⁶But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

⁷And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

'In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

¹³And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

¹⁴ 'For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶ Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

¹⁷But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

¹⁸so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

¹⁹"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

²³But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

²⁵"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

²⁶Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

²⁸ So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

²⁹and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"

³²For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

7 Judge not, that you be not judged.

²For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

³And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?

⁴Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me remove the speck from your eye"; and look, a plank is in your own eye?

⁵Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

⁶Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

⁷Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

⁹Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

¹²Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

¹⁴Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

¹⁶ you will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

²¹ Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

²² Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?"

²³ And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

²⁴ Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

²⁶ 'But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

²⁸ And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,

²⁹ for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

8 When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

² And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

³ Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

⁷And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁸The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

'For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, "Go," and he goes; and to another, "Come," and he comes; and to my servant, "Do this," and he does it."

¹⁰When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

¹¹And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

¹²But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

¹⁴Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever.

¹⁵So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

¹⁶When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-

possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

¹⁷that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."

¹⁸And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

¹⁹Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

²⁰And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

²¹Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

²²But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

²³Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

²⁴And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

²⁵Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

²⁶But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He

arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

²⁷ So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

²¹ When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

² And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

³⁰ Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding.

³¹ So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

³² And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

³³ Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.

³⁴ And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.

⁹ So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

² Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

³ And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

⁵ For which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you," or to say, "Arise and walk'?"

⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

⁷ And he arose and departed to his house.

⁸ Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

⁷ As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

¹⁰ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

¹⁴ Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"

¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

¹⁶ No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

¹⁷ Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

¹⁸ While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live."

¹⁹ So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.

²⁰ And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.

²¹ For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."

²² But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

²³ When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing,

²⁴ He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him.

²⁵ But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.

²⁶ And the report of this went out into all that land.

²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

²⁹Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

³¹But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

³²As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed.

³³And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

³⁴But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

³⁶But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

³⁷Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

³⁸Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

¹ OAnd when He had called His

twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

⁴Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.

⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

⁷And as you go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

⁹Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,

¹⁰nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

¹¹ Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.

¹² And when you go into a household, greet it.

¹³ If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

¹⁴ And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

¹⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

¹⁶ Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

¹⁷ But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.

¹⁸ You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

¹⁹ But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;

²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

²¹ Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and

children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

²² And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

²³ When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

²⁵ It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!

²⁶ Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

²⁷ Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to "set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law";

³⁶ and "a man's enemies will be those of his own household."

³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

⁴⁰ He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

⁴¹ He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a

righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

1 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples

^h and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:

⁵ The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

⁶ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

⁷ As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

⁸ But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

'But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰For this is he of whom it is written: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'

¹¹'Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

¹²And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

¹³For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

¹⁴And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.

¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

¹⁶ But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions,

¹⁷and saying: "We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not lament.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon.'

¹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton

and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."

²⁰Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:

²¹ Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

²²But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

²³And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

²⁴But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

²⁵At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

²⁶Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

²⁷All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son,

and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

² Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

² Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

1 ² At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

² And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

³ But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

⁵ Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

⁶ Yet I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the temple.

⁷ But if you had known what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," you would not have condemned the guiltless.

⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

'Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

¹⁰ And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"--that they might accuse Him.

¹¹ Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?

¹² Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

¹³ Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

¹⁴ Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

¹⁵ But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew from there. And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.

¹⁶ Yet He warned them not to make Him known,

¹⁷ that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

¹ Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

¹ He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

²⁰ A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory;

²¹ And in His name Gentiles will trust."

²² Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

²³ And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

²⁴ Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

²⁶ Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

²⁷ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.

²⁸ But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²⁹ Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

³⁰ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

³¹ Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.

³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

³³ Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

³⁶ But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

³⁷For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

³ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

³ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."

⁴⁰For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

⁴¹The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

⁴²The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

^{43a} When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

⁴⁴Then he says, "I will return to my house from which I came." And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

⁴⁵Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than

himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

⁴⁶While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

⁴⁷Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

⁴ But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

⁴ And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!"

⁵⁰For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

1 ³⁰On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea.

²And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

³Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.

⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

⁵Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

⁶But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

'But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

'He who has ears to hear, let him hear!'

¹⁰And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

¹¹He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

¹²For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

¹³Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

¹⁴And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive;

¹⁵For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

¹⁶But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;

¹⁷Now assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

¹⁸Therefore hear the parable of the sower:

¹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

²⁰But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

²¹Yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

²²Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

²³But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

²⁴Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

²⁵but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

²⁶But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

²⁷So the servants of the owner came and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?"

²⁸He said to them, "An enemy has done this." The servants said to him, "Do you want us then to go and gather them up?"

²⁹But he said, "No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.

³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³¹Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,

³²which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

³³Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

³⁴All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them,

³⁵that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

³⁶Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

³⁷He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.

³⁹The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

⁴⁰Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

⁴¹The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

⁴²and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

⁴⁴ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

⁴⁶who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,

⁴⁸which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,

⁵⁰and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

⁵¹Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

⁵²Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

⁵³Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.

⁵⁴When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

⁵⁵Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?

⁵⁶And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?"

⁵⁷So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

⁵⁸Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

14At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus

²and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

³For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

⁴Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

⁵And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

⁶But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.

⁷Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.

So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."

'And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her.

¹⁰So he sent and had John beheaded in prison.

¹¹And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.

¹²Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

¹³When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

¹⁴And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

¹⁵When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

¹⁸He said, "Bring them here to Me."

¹⁹Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

²⁰So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.

²¹Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

²²mediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

²³And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

²⁴But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

²⁵Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

²⁶And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

²¹ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

²¹ So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

³⁰But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

³¹And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

³⁴When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

³⁵And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick,

³⁶and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

1 ⁵Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying,

² Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread."

³He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

⁴For God commanded, saying, "Honor your father and your mother"; and, "He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

⁵But you say, "Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"--

⁶then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

⁷Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

⁸These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

'And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

¹⁰When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand:

¹¹Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

¹²Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

¹³But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

¹⁴Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

¹⁵Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us."

¹⁶So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?

¹⁷Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?

¹⁸But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

¹⁹For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

²⁰These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

²¹Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

²²And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

²³But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

²⁴But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

²⁵Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

²⁶But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

²¹ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

²¹ Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there.

³⁰ Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them.

³¹ So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

³² Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

³³ Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."

³⁵ So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

³⁶ And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.

³⁷ So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.

³¹ Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

³¹ And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.

1 ⁶ Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.

² He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red';

^h and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

⁴ A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

⁵Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

⁶Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

⁷And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "It is because we have taken no bread."

'But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?"

'Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?

¹⁰Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up?

¹¹How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread?-but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

¹²Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

¹⁴So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

¹ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

¹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

²²Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

²⁵For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

²⁶For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

²⁷For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

²⁸Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

1 ⁷Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

²and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

⁰And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

⁴Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

⁰And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

⁷But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

⁸When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

¹⁰And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

¹¹Jesus answered and said to them, "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.

¹²But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands."

¹³Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

¹⁴And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,

¹⁵'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

¹⁶So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

¹⁷Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."

¹⁸And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

¹⁹Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

²⁰So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

²¹However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

²²Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,

²³and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

²⁴When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?"

²⁵He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

²⁶Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free.

²⁷Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

1 ⁸At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

²Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,

^hand said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

⁶ Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

⁸ If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire.

'And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

¹⁰ 'Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.

¹¹ For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

^{12a} What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?

¹³ And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.

¹⁴ Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that "by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'

¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

¹⁸ 'Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

²⁴And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

²⁵But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

²⁶The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all."

²⁷Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, "Pay me what you owe!"

²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you all."

³⁰And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

³¹So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

³²Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I

forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

³³Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?"

³⁴And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

³⁵ So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

1 ⁹Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

²And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

³The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?"

⁴And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning "made them male and female,"

⁵and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?"

⁶So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

⁷They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"

⁸He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

'And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

¹⁰His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry."

¹¹But He said to them, "All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given:

¹²For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."

¹³Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

¹⁵And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

¹⁶Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

¹⁷So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

¹⁸He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, 'You shall not murder,' "You shall not commit adultery,' "You shall not steal,' "You shall not bear false witness,'

¹⁹"Honor your father and your mother,' and, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

²⁰The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

²¹Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

²²But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁵When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

²⁷Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"

²⁸So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

2 0 For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

²Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

⁰And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

⁴and said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.

⁵Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.

⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?"

⁷They said to him, "Because no one hired us.' He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'

"So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.'

'And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.

¹⁰But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.

¹¹And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,

¹²saying, "These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'

¹³But he answered one of them and said, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?"

¹⁴Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.

¹⁵Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?

¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

¹⁷Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them,

¹⁸Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,

¹⁹and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

²⁰Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

²¹And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

²²But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able."

²³So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."

²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

²⁵But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

²⁶Let it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

²⁷And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave--

²⁸Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

²⁹Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

³⁰And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

³¹Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

³²So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³³They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."

³⁴So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

2 1 Now when they drew near

Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

²saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.

⁰And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and immediately he will send them."

⁴All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

⁵ Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

'And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down

branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

¹⁰And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?"

¹¹So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

¹²Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

¹³And He said to them, "It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a "den of thieves."

¹⁴Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

¹⁵But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

¹⁶and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

¹⁷Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

¹ Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.

¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

²⁰ And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?"

²¹ So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.

²² And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

²³ Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"

²⁴ But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:

²⁵ The baptism of John--where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

²⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet."

²⁷ So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, "Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

²⁹ He answered and said, "I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went.

³⁰ Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, "I go, sir,' but he did not go.

³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

³³ Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

³⁴ Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

³⁵And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

³⁷Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son."

³⁸But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance."

³⁹So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

⁴¹They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

⁴³Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

⁴⁴And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

⁴⁵Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them.

⁴⁶But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

22And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

² The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

^hand sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

⁴Again, he sent out other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'"

⁵But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

⁰And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

⁷But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

⁸Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

'Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

¹² So he said to him, "Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the servants, "Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ 'For many are called, but few are chosen.'

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.

¹⁶ And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.

¹⁷ Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?

¹ Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius.

²⁰ And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

²¹ They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

²² When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

²³ The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

²⁴ saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

²⁵ Now there were with us seven brothers. The first died after he had married, and having no offspring, left his wife to his brother.

²⁶ Likewise the second also, and the third, even to the seventh.

²⁷ Last of all the woman died also.

²⁸ Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

²¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

³¹But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

³²am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

³³And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

³⁴But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

³⁵Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

³⁶'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

³⁷Jesus said to him, You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸This is the first and great commandment.

³⁹And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

⁴²saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."

⁴³He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

⁴⁴"The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool'"?

⁴⁵David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

⁴⁶And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

2 ³Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples,

²saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat.

³Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

⁴For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

⁵But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

⁶They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues,

⁷greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, "Rabbi, Rabbi.'

⁸But you, do not be called "Rabbi"; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.

'Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

¹⁰And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

¹¹But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.

¹²And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

¹³ But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.

¹⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

¹⁶ Woe to you, blind guides, who say, "Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.'

¹⁷ Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold?

¹⁸And, "Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform

¹⁹ Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift?

²⁰Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it.

²¹He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it.

²²And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it.

²³ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

²⁴Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

²⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside

of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

²⁶Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

²⁷Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

²⁸Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

²⁹Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,

³⁰and say, "If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'

³¹Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

³²Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt.

³³Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?

³⁴Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your

synagogues and persecute from city to city,

³⁵that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

³⁶Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

³⁸See! Your house is left to you desolate;

³for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

²⁴Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple.

²And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things

be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

⁴And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

⁵For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many.

⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

⁸All these are the beginning of sorrows.

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

¹⁰And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

¹¹Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

¹³But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵"Therefore when you see the "abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

¹⁶⁴then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

¹⁷Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

¹ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

¹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

²⁰And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.

²¹For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

²²And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

²³"Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" or "There!" do not believe it.

²⁴For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

²⁵See, I have told you beforehand.

²⁶Therefore if they say to you, "Look, He is in the desert!" do not go out; or "Look, He is in the inner rooms!" do not believe it.

²⁷For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

²⁸For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

²⁹Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

³¹And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³²Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

³³So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near--at the doors!

³⁴Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁶'But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

³⁷But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

³⁸For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

³⁹and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.

⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

⁴²Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁴Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

⁴⁵Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?

⁴⁶Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

⁴⁷Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

⁴⁸But if that evil servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming,"

⁴⁹and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

⁵⁰he master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,

⁵¹and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

25 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

²Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

³Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,

⁴but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

⁵But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

⁶ And at midnight a cry was heard: "Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!"

⁷Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

⁸And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

'But the wise answered, saying, "No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves."

¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us!"

¹²But he answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you."

¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

¹⁴For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

¹⁵And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

¹⁶Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

¹⁷And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

¹ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

¹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, "Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

²¹ His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²² He also who had received two talents came and said, "Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

²³ His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

²⁴ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, "Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, "You wicked and lazy servant, you knew

that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

²⁹ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

³¹ When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

³⁵ or I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

³⁶ was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?

³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

³⁹ Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

⁴¹ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

⁴² or I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

⁴³ was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

⁴⁴ Then they also will answer Him, saying, "Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as

you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

26 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,

² You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

³ Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

⁴ and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

⁵ But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

⁶ And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,

⁷ a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

'But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?

⁹ For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

¹⁰But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.

¹¹For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.

¹²For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.

¹³Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

¹⁵and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

¹⁶So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

¹⁷Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

¹⁸And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples. '

¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve.

²¹Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."

²²And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?"

²³He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.

²⁴The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

²⁵Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

²⁸For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

³⁰And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: "I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³²But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

³³Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

³⁴Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

³⁵Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

³⁶Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."

³⁷And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

³⁸Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

³⁹He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

⁴⁰Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

⁴¹Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

⁴³And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

⁴⁵Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

⁴⁸Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."

⁴⁹Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

⁵¹ And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

⁵² But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

⁵⁴ How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

⁵⁶ But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

⁵⁷ And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

⁵¹ But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

⁵¹ Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,

⁶⁰ but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

⁶¹ and said, "This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

⁶² And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

⁶³ But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!

⁶⁶ What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

⁶⁷ Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,

⁶ saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

⁶⁹ Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee."

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying."

⁷¹ And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth."

⁷² But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!"

⁷³ And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."

⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death.

² And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

³ Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"

⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

⁶ But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood."

⁷ And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

⁹ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced,

¹⁰ and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me."

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say."

¹² And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

¹³Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

¹⁴But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished.

¹⁶And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

¹⁷Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"

¹⁸For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

²⁰But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

²¹The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said, "Barabbas!"

²²Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said to him, "Let Him be crucified!"

²³Then the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

²⁴When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

²⁵And all the people answered and said, "His blood be on us and on our children."

²⁶Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

²⁸And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

²⁹When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

³⁰Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

³¹And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

³²Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

³³And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,

³⁴ they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

³⁵Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."

³⁶Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

³⁷And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

³⁹ And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads

⁴⁰and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

⁴¹Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,

⁴² He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

⁴³He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, "I am the Son of God."

⁴⁴Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

⁴⁷Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"

⁴⁸ immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

⁴⁹ The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."

⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

⁵²and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

⁵³and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,

⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

⁵⁷Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

⁵¹ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

⁵¹ When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

⁶⁰and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

⁶¹And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,

⁶³saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'

⁶⁴Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how."

⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

28Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

²And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

³His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

⁴And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

⁵But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

⁷And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

⁸So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

'And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

¹¹Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened.

¹²When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

¹³saying, "Tell them, "His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.'

¹⁴And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure."

¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

¹⁷When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and to, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

1st Accounts of the Church by brother Luke

¹ Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us,

² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,

^b it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,

⁴ that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

⁵ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

⁶ And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

⁷ But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years.

⁸ So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division,

'according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.

¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

¹² And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

¹⁵ For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.

¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.

¹⁷ He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, "to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children," and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years."

¹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings."

²⁰But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

²¹And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple.

²²But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless.

²³So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house.

²⁴Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying,

²⁵Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

²⁶Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

³⁰Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

³³And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

³⁶Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age;

and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

³⁷For with God nothing will be impossible."

³ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

³ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah,

⁴⁰and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴²Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

⁴³But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

⁴⁴For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

⁴⁵Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

⁴⁸For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

⁴ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name.

⁵⁰And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

⁵²He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly.

⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy,

⁵⁵As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

⁵⁷Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son.

⁵ When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹so it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias.

⁶⁰His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John."

⁶¹But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name."

⁶²So they made signs to his father--what he would have him called.

⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled.

⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

⁶⁵Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea.

⁶⁶And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

^{68a}Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people,

⁶⁹And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David,

⁷⁰As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began,

⁷¹That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us,

⁷²To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant,

⁷³The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,

⁷⁵In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

⁷⁶'And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,

⁷⁷To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins,

⁷⁸Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;

⁷⁹To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

⁸⁰So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

² And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

²This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

³So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

^sto be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

⁶So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

⁷And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

'And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

¹⁰Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

¹¹For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹²And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

¹⁵So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

¹⁷Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

^{1'} And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

^{1'} But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

²¹And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

²²Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"),

²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

²⁷So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

²⁸he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

²⁹ 'Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;

³⁰For my eyes have seen Your salvation

³¹Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

³²A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel."

³³And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

³⁴Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

³⁵(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;

³⁷and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

³⁸ And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

³⁹So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.

⁴⁰And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

⁴¹His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.

⁴³When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it;

⁴⁴but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

⁴⁵So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

⁴⁶Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

⁴⁷And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

⁴⁸So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

⁵⁰But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

⁵¹Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

³Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,

²while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,

⁴as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth;

⁶And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood

of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

'And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?"

¹¹He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

¹²Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you."

¹⁴Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not,

¹⁶John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I

am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸And with many other exhortations he preached to the people.

¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,

²⁰also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

²¹When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened.

²²And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

²³Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,

²⁴the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph,

²⁵the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

²⁶ he son of Maath, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah,

²⁷ he son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

²¹ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er,

² the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

³⁰ he son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim,

³¹ he son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

³² he son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,

³³ he son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

³⁴ he son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

³⁵ he son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,

³⁶ he son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

³⁷ the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,

³⁸ the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

⁴ Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."

⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

'Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here.

¹⁰For it is written: "He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,'

¹¹and, "In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."

¹²And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, "You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

¹³Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

¹⁴Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

¹⁵And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

¹⁶So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

¹⁷And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

¹⁸⌋The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim

liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

¹To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

²⁰Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

²¹And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²²So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

²³He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, "Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country."

²⁴Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.

²⁵But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;

²⁶but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

²⁷And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of

them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

²₁ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

²₂ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

³₀ Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

³₁ Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths.

³₂ And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

³₃ Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice,

³₄ saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are--the Holy One of God!"

³₅ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.

³₆ Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

³₇ And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³₈ Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

³₉ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

⁴₀ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

⁴₁ And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

⁴₂ Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;

⁴₃ but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

⁴₄ And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

5 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets.

³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

'For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;

¹⁰ and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners

with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."

¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

¹² And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

¹³ Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."

¹⁵ However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

¹⁶ So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

¹ Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him.

¹ And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

²⁰ When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."

²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts?"

²³ Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you," or to say, "Rise up and walk"?

²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

²⁵ Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

²⁷ After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me."

²⁸ So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

² Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.

³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

³² have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

³³ Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"

³⁴ And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them?"

³⁵ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."

³⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old.

³⁷And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined.

³ But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

³ And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, "The old is better."

⁶Now it happened on the second Sabbath after the first that He went through the grainfields. And His disciples plucked the heads of grain and ate them, rubbing them in their hands.

²And some of the Pharisees said to them, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?"

³But Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

⁴how he went into the house of God, took and ate the showbread, and also gave some to those with him, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat?"

⁵And He said to them, "The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

⁶Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered.

⁷So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on

the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him.

⁸But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood.

⁹Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?"

¹⁰And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.

¹¹But they were filled with rage, and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

¹²Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

¹³And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

¹⁴Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;

¹⁵Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot;

¹⁶Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.

¹⁷And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

¹⁸as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

¹⁹And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

²⁰Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.

²²Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.

²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation.

²⁵Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

²⁷ But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

²⁸bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

²⁹ To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.

³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.

³¹And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

³² 'But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

³⁶Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

³⁷'Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

³⁸Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

³And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?

⁴⁰A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye?

⁴²Or how can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

⁴³'For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.

⁴⁴For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

⁴⁵A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

⁴⁶'But why do you call Me "Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

⁴⁷Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like:

⁴¹He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.

⁴¹ But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

⁷Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum.

²And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

³So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

⁴And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the

one for whom He should do this was deserving,

⁵ for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

⁶ Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

⁷ Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

'For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, "Go," and he goes; and to another, "Come," and he comes; and to my servant, "Do this," and he does it."

'When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

¹⁰ And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

¹¹ Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd.

¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

¹⁷ And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

¹⁸ Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things.

¹⁹ And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

²⁰ When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

²¹ And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

²² Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf

hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

²³And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."

²⁴When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

²⁵But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts.

²⁶But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

²⁷This is he of whom it is written: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'

²¹ For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

²¹ And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

³⁰But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

³¹And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like?

³²They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: "We played the flute for you, And you did not dance; We mourned to you, And you did not weep.'

³³For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, "He has a demon.'

³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

³⁵But wisdom is justified by all her children."

³⁶Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

³⁷And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

³¹ and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant

³¹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what

manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

⁴⁰And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it."

⁴¹There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

⁴²And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"

⁴³Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."

⁴⁴Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.

⁴⁵You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

⁴⁶You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil.

⁴⁷Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

⁴¹ Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴¹ And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

8Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,

²and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,

^hand Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

⁴And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

⁵A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

⁶Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

⁸But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold."

When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

'Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

¹⁰And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that "Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

¹²Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

¹³But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

¹⁴Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

¹⁵But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

¹⁶No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.

¹⁷For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

¹⁸Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

¹⁹Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd.

²⁰And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You."

²¹But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

²²Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side of the lake." And they launched out.

²³But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy.

²⁴And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

²⁵But He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, "Who can this be? For He commands even

the winds and water, and they obey Him!"

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee.

²⁷And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!"

²⁹For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

³⁰Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

³¹And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

³²Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

³³Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

³⁴When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country.

³⁵Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

³⁶They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

³⁷Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

³⁸Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying,

³⁹"Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

⁴⁰So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him.

⁴¹And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,

⁴² or he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

⁴³ Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

⁴⁴ came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, "Who touched Me?"

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

⁴⁷ Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

⁴¹ And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

⁴ While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

⁵¹ When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

⁵² Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."

⁵³ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

⁵⁴ But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."

⁵⁵ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.

⁵⁶ And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

⁹ Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.

² He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

³ And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece.

⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart.

⁵ And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

⁶ So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,

'and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again.

'Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?" So he sought to see Him.

¹⁰ And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

¹¹ But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

¹² When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."

¹³ But He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people."

¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty."

¹⁵ And they did so, and made them all sit down.

¹⁶ Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude.

¹⁷ So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

¹⁸ And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹ So they answered and said, "John the Baptist, but some say Elijah; and others say that one of the old prophets has risen again."

²⁰ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

²¹ And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one,

²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the

elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day."

²³Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

²⁴For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

²⁵For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

²⁶For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

²⁷But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

²⁸Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

³⁰And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³²But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

³³Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said.

³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud.

³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

³⁶When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

³⁷Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him.

³⁸Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child.

³⁹And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.

⁴⁰So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

⁴¹Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

⁴²And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father.

⁴³And they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples,

⁴⁴'Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men."

⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

⁴⁶Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest.

⁴⁷And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,

⁴⁸and said to them, "Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great."

⁴⁹Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in

Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side."

⁵¹Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

⁵²and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.

⁵³But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.

⁵⁴And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

⁵⁵But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.

⁵⁶For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

⁵⁷Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

⁵⁹Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

⁶⁰Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."

⁶¹And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

⁶²But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

1 OAfter these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

²Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

³Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

⁴Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

⁵But whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house."

⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

⁸Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

'And heal the sick there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

¹⁰But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

¹¹⌋The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'

¹²But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

¹³ Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

¹⁴But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

¹⁵And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

¹⁷Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

¹ And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

¹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

²⁰Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

²¹In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

²²All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

²³Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see;

^{24F}or I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

²⁵And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

²⁷So he answered and said, You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and "your neighbor as yourself."

² And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

² But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

³¹Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³²Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

³³But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁴So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you."

³⁶_{so} which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

³⁷And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

³⁸Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

⁴¹And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

⁴²But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

1 1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to

Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

²So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

³Give us day by day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."

⁵And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;

⁶for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

⁷and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'?

⁸I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

¹¹ a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

¹³ you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

¹⁶ others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven.

¹⁷ But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.

¹⁸ Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

²⁰ But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.

²² But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

²³ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

²⁴ When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, "I will return to my house from which I came."

²⁵ And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order.

²⁶ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

²⁷ And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!"

²⁸ But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

²⁹ And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

³⁰For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

³¹The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

³²The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

³³No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.

³⁴The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness.

³⁵Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.

³⁶ then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."

³⁷And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat.

³⁸When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner.

³ Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness.

⁴⁰Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?

⁴¹But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

⁴² 'But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

⁴³Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

⁴⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them."

⁴⁵Then one of the lawyers answered and said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these things You reproach us also."

⁴⁶And He said, "Woe to you also, lawyers! For you load men with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

⁴⁷Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

⁴⁸ n fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for

they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs.

⁴⁹Therefore the wisdom of God also said, "I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,"

⁵⁰That the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,

⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

⁵²Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

⁵³And as He said these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to assail Him vehemently, and to cross-examine Him about many things,

⁵⁴ying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, that they might accuse Him.

1 ²In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

²For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.

³Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

⁴ And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

⁵But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God.

⁷But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

⁸ Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.

'But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

¹⁰ 'And anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but to him who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

¹¹ 'Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say.

¹²For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

¹³Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

¹⁵And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

¹⁶Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

¹⁷And he thought within himself, saying, "What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?"

¹⁸So he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."

²⁰But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?"

²¹'So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

²²Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry

about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.

²³Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

²⁴Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

²⁵And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

²⁶ you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest?

²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

²⁸If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

²⁹" And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

³⁰For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

³¹But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

³² Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

³³Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning;

³⁶and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

³And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

³But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

⁴⁰Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

⁴¹Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?"

⁴²And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season?"

⁴³Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

⁴⁴Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

⁴⁵But if that servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming," and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,

⁴⁶the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

⁴⁷And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

⁴But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

⁴I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

⁵⁰But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

⁵¹Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.

⁵²For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three.

⁵³Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

⁵⁴Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is.

⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.

⁵⁶Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?

⁵⁷Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?

⁵⁸When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

⁵⁹ tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

¹ 3 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

²And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things?

³ tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?

⁵¹ tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

⁶He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

⁷Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, "Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?"

⁸But he answered and said to him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it.

'And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

¹⁰Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

¹¹And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

¹²But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

¹³And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

¹⁴But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

¹⁶So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

¹⁷And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

¹Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?"

¹It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew

and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."

²⁰And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God?"

²¹It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

²²And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

²³Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them,

²⁴'Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

²⁵When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, "Lord, Lord, open for us," and He will answer and say to you, "I do not know you, where you are from,"

²⁶then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

²⁷But He will say, "I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

²⁹They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.

³⁰And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

³¹On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

³²And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, "Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected."

³³Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

^{34a}O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

³⁵See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

1 ⁴Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely.

²And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy.

³And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

⁴But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go.

⁵Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"

⁶And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

⁷So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them:

⁸When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him;

'and he who invited you and him come and say to you, "Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, "Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you.

¹¹For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a

supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.

¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

¹⁵Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

¹⁶Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,

¹⁷and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, "Come, for all things are now ready."

¹⁸But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused."

¹⁹And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused."

²⁰Still another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."

²¹So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in

here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind."

²²And the servant said, "Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room."

²³Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

²⁴For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

²⁵Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,

²⁶If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

²⁷And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it--

²⁹lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

³⁰saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish."

³¹Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down

first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

³²Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

³³So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

³⁴ Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?

³⁵ is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

1 ⁵Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.

²And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

⁴ What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors,

saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!"

⁷I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

⁸ Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

'And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!"

¹⁰Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then He said: "A certain man had two sons.

¹²And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

¹³And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

¹⁴But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

¹⁵Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

¹⁶And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

¹⁸^s will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

¹'and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."

²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

²¹And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

²³And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

²⁴^For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

²⁵Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

²⁷And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

²⁸But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

²ⁱ So he answered and said to his father, "Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

³⁰But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

³¹'And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

³²It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."

1 6He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods.

²So he called him and said to him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

³Then the steward said within himself, "What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.

⁴I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.'

⁵So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?"

⁶And he said, "A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

⁷Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" So he said, "A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, "Take your bill, and write eighty.'

⁸So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

¹⁰He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

¹¹Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

¹²And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

¹³No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

¹⁴Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.

¹⁵And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

¹⁶The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.

¹⁷And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.

¹⁸Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery.

¹⁹There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

²⁰But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ Then he cried and said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."

²⁵ But Abraham said, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us."

²⁷ Then he said, "I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

²¹ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment."

² Abraham said to him, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them."

³⁰ And he said, "No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent."

³¹ But he said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead."

1 ⁷ Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!

² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

³ Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, "I repent," you shall forgive him."

⁵ And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

⁶ So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?

⁸But will he not rather say to him, "Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink"?

'Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not.

¹⁰So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."

¹¹Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

¹²Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

¹³And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

¹⁴So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

¹⁶and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?

¹⁸Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

¹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

²⁰Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

²¹nor will they say, "See here!" or "See there!" For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

²²Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

²³And they will say to you, "Look here!" or "Look there!" Do not go after them or follow them.

²⁴For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day.

²⁵But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

²⁷They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

²¹ Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

²² but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

³⁰ Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

³¹ In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.

³² Remember Lot's wife.

³³ Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

^{34a} tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left.

³⁵ Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left.

³⁶ Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."

³⁷ And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

1 ⁸ Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

² saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

³ Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, "Get justice for me from my adversary."

⁴ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, "Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

⁵ yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me."

⁶ Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

⁷ And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

'I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

⁹ Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

¹² fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

¹⁴ tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹⁵ Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.

¹⁶ But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

¹⁷ Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

¹ Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

²⁰ ou know the commandments: "Do not commit adultery,' "Do not murder,' "Do not steal,' "Do not bear false witness,' "Honor your father and your mother."

²¹ And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

²² So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

²³ But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

²⁴ And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

²⁸ Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You."

²⁹ So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

³⁰ who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

³¹ Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

³²For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon.

³³They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

³⁴But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

³⁵Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

³⁶And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

³⁷So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

³⁸And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

⁴¹saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

⁴²Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

⁴³And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And

all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

1 ⁹Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

²Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

³And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

⁴So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

⁵And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

⁶So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

⁷But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

⁸Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

'And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

¹⁰F or the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

¹¹Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

¹²Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

¹³So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, "Do business till I come.'

¹⁴But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, "We will not have this man to reign over us.'

¹⁵And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

¹⁶Then came the first, saying, "Master, your mina has earned ten minas.'

¹⁷And he said to him, "Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.'

¹⁸And the second came, saying, "Master, your mina has earned five minas.'

¹⁹Likewise he said to him, "You also be over five cities.'

²⁰Then another came, saying, "Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief.

²¹For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'

²²And he said to him, "Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow.

²³Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

²⁴'And he said to those who stood by, "Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'

²⁵(But they said to him, "Master, he has ten minas.')

²⁶'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

²⁷But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me."

²⁸When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples,

³⁰saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here.

³¹And if anyone asks you, "Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, "Because the Lord has need of it.'

³²_{so} those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them.

³³But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?"

³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of him."

³⁵Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him.

³⁶And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

³⁷Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen,

³⁸saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

⁴⁰But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

⁴¹Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

⁴²saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

⁴³For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

⁴⁴and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

⁴⁵Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it,

⁴⁶saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a "den of thieves."

⁴⁷And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him,

⁴⁸and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

2 ONow it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the

temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him

²and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?"

³But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me:

⁴The baptism of John--was it from heaven or from men?"

⁵And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

⁶But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet."

⁷So they answered that they did not know where it was from.

⁸And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

'Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time.

¹⁰Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

¹¹Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

¹²And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

¹³"Then the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.'

¹⁴But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.'

¹⁵So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

¹⁶He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it they said, "Certainly not!"

¹⁷Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'?

¹ Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

¹ And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people --for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

²⁰ So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

²¹ Then they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth:

²² Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

²³ But He perceived their craftiness, and said to them, "Why do you test Me?

²⁴ Show Me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?" They answered and said, "Caesar's."

²⁵ And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

²⁶ But they could not catch Him in His words in the presence of the people. And they marveled at His answer and kept silent.

²⁷ Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

²⁸ saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

²¹ Now there were seven brothers. And the first took a wife, and died without children.

³⁰ And the second took her as wife, and he died childless.

³¹ Then the third took her, and in like manner the seven also; and they left no children, and died.

³² Last of all the woman died also.

³³ Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife."

³⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.

³⁵ But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;

³⁶ nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

³⁷ But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

³⁸ For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him."

³¹ Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

⁴⁰But after that they dared not question Him anymore.

⁴¹And He said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David?"

⁴²Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,

⁴³Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

⁴⁴Therefore David calls Him "Lord"; how is He then his Son?"

⁴⁵Then, in the hearing of all the people, He said to His disciples,

⁴⁶ Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, love greetings in the marketplaces, the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

⁴⁷ who devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation."

2 1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,

²and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites.

³So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;

⁴for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she

out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

⁵Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said,

⁶ These things which you see--the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

⁷So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?"

'And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am He," and, "The time has drawn near." Therefore do not go after them.

'But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

¹⁰Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

¹²But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

¹³But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

¹⁴Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;

¹⁵^For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

¹⁷And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

¹⁸But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

¹⁹By your patience possess your souls.

²⁰But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.

²²For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

²³But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people.

²⁴And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵'And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

²⁶Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

²⁸Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

²⁹Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

³⁰When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

³¹So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

³²Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

³⁴ But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

³⁷ And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet.

³⁸ Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

22 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover.

² And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people.

³ Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve.

⁴ So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them.

⁵ And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.

⁶ So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

⁷ Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed.

⁸ And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

'So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"

¹⁰ And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters.

¹¹ Then you shall say to the master of the house, "The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"

¹² Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready."

¹³ So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him.

¹⁵ Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

¹⁶ or I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves;

¹' for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹' And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁰Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

²¹But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table.

²²And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

²³Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

²⁴Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

²⁵And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called "benefactors."

²⁶But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

²⁷For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

²⁸ But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials.

²¹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me,

³⁰that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

³¹And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

³²But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

³³But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

³⁴Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

³⁵And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing."

³⁶Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.

³⁷For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: "And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."

³⁸So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

³⁹Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him.

⁴⁰When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,

⁴²saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

⁴³Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

⁴⁴And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

⁴⁵When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.

⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

⁴⁷And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him.

⁴⁸But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

⁵³When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

⁵⁴Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance.

⁵⁵Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

⁵⁶And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him."

⁵⁷ But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

⁵¹ And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

⁵¹ Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean."

⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

⁶² So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³ Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him.

⁶⁴ And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?"

⁶⁵ And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

⁶⁶ As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying,

^{67a} f You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe.

⁶⁸ And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go.

⁶¹ Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰ Then they all said, "Are You then the Son of God?" So He said to them, "You rightly say that I am."

⁷¹ And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

2 ³ Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate.

² And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."

³ Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "It is as you say."

⁴ So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

⁵ But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean.

⁷And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

⁹Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.

¹⁰And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him.

¹¹Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

¹²That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people,

¹⁴said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him;

¹⁵no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing

deserving of death has been done by Him.

¹⁶ will therefore chastise Him and release Him"

¹⁷(for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast).

¹⁸And they all cried out at once, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas"--

¹⁹who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, and for murder.

²⁰Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them.

²¹But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

²²Then he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go."

²³But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed.

²⁴So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested.

²⁵And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

²⁶Now as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian,

who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.

²⁷ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him.

²¹ But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

²¹ For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, "Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!"

³⁰ Then they will begin "to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"

³¹ For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

³² There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death.

³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine,

³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself."

³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³¹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

⁴³ And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

⁴⁵ Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶ And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, "into Your

hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

⁴⁷So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

⁴¹ And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned.

⁴¹ But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man.

⁵¹He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God.

⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before.

⁵⁴That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near.

⁵⁵And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid.

⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

²⁴Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

²But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.

³Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

⁴And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

⁵Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

⁶He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

⁷saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

⁸And they remembered His words.

⁹Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

¹⁰ was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.

¹¹ And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

¹² But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

¹³ Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

¹⁵ so it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

¹⁶ But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

¹⁷ And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

¹⁸ Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was

a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

²² es, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

²³ When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

²⁴ And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

²⁵ Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

²⁸ Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.

²⁹But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

³⁰Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

³¹Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

³²And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,

³⁴saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

³⁵And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

³⁶Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

³⁸And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

³Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

⁴⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

⁴²So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

⁴³And He took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

⁴⁷and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸And you are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of

Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

⁵⁰And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

⁵¹Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

⁵³and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

2nd Accounts of the Church by brother Luke

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

²until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

³to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

⁴And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

'But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,

and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

¹¹who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

¹⁵And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,

¹⁶ Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus;

¹⁷ or he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

¹⁸(Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out.

¹ And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰For it is written in the Book of Psalms: "Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it"; and, "Let another take his office."

²¹Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

²²beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

²³And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

²⁵ take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by

transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

²⁶And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?

⁸And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

'Parthians and Medes and Elamites,
those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea
and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ hrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the
parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors
from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs--we hear them
speaking in our own tongues the
wonderful works of God."

¹² So they were all amazed and
perplexed, saying to one another,
"Whatever could this mean?"

¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of
new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven,
raised his voice and said to them, "Men
of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem,
let this be known to you, and heed my
words.

¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you
suppose, since it is only the third hour of
the day.

¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the
prophet Joel:

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last
days, says God, That I will pour out of
My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and
your daughters shall prophesy, Your
young men shall see visions, Your old
men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My
maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in
those days; And they shall prophesy.

¹ I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath: Blood
and fire and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood, Before the
coming of the great and awesome day
of the LORD.

²¹ And it shall come to pass That
whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.'

²² Men of Israel, hear these words:
Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by
God to you by miracles, wonders, and
signs which God did through Him in your
midst, as you yourselves also know--

²³ Him, being delivered by the
determined purpose and foreknowledge
of God, you have taken by lawless
hands, have crucified, and put to death;

²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed
the pains of death, because it was not
possible that He should be held by it.

²⁵ For David says concerning Him: "I
foresaw the LORD always before my
face, For He is at my right hand, that I
may not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my
tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh
also will rest in hope.

²⁷ For You will not leave my soul in
Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy
One to see corruption.

²¹ You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.'

²² "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne,

³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

³⁴ 'For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,

³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

³⁶ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

3Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

²And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

³who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

⁴And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

⁵So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

⁷And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

⁸So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.

'And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

¹⁰Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

¹²So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.

¹⁴But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

¹⁵and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

¹⁶And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

¹⁷'Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

¹But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

¹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

²⁰and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

²¹whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

²²For Moses truly said to the fathers, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

²³And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

²⁴Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

²⁵You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

²⁶To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

⁴Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them,

²being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

³And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

⁴However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

⁵And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes,

⁶as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

'If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well,

¹⁰let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the

dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

¹¹This is the "stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'

¹²Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

¹⁴And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

¹⁵But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

¹⁶saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

¹⁷But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

¹⁸So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight

of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

²⁰For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

²¹So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.

²²For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

²³And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

²⁴So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

²⁵who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: "Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things?

²⁶The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the LORD and against His Christ.'

²⁷'For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together

²¹ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

³⁴ Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

³⁵ and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

³⁶ And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,

³⁷ having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

⁵ But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

² And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

⁵ Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

⁶ And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

⁷ Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

⁸ And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much."

⁹ Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of

those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

¹⁰Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband.

¹¹So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

¹²And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

¹³Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

¹⁴And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

¹⁵so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

¹⁶Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,

¹⁸and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

¹⁹But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

²⁰Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

²¹And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

²²But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported,

²³saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!"

²⁴Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be.

²⁵So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

²⁶Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned.

²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them,

²¹ saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

²¹ But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.

³¹ Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³² And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them.

³⁴ Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while.

³⁵ And he said to them: "Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men.

³⁶ For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of

men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing.

³⁷ After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.

³⁸ And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing;

³¹ but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it--lest you even be found to fight against God."

⁴⁰ And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

6 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is

not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

³Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

⁴but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

⁵And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

⁶whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

⁷Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

'Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen.

¹⁰And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

¹¹Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

¹²And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.

¹³They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law;

¹⁴ or we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us."

¹⁵And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

⁷Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

²And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

^hand said to him, "Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.'

⁴Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.

⁵And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him.

⁶But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years.

⁷ And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,' said God, "and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.'

⁸Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs.

"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him

¹⁰and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

¹¹Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance.

¹²But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

¹³And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh.

¹⁴Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people.

¹⁵So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers.

¹⁶And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.

¹⁷ But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt

¹⁸till another king arose who did not know Joseph.

¹ This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.

²⁰At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months.

²¹But when he was set out, Pharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son.

²²And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

²³ Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

²⁴ And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian.

²⁵ For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.

²⁶ And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, "Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?"

²⁷ But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, "Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?"

²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?"

²⁹ Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

³⁰ And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

³¹ When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him,

³² saying, "I am the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

and the God of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and dared not look.

³³ Then the LORD said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

^{34a} I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt."

³⁵ This Moses whom they rejected, saying, "Who made you a ruler and a judge?" is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.

³⁶ He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

³⁷ This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear."

³⁸ This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,

³⁹ whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt,

⁴⁰ saying to Aaron, "Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

⁴² Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: "Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?"

⁴³ You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of your god Remphan, Images which you made to worship; And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'

⁴⁴ Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen,

⁴⁵ which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David,

⁴⁶ who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob.

⁴⁷ But Solomon built Him a house.

⁴⁸ However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

⁴⁹ Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me? says the LORD, Or what is the place of My rest?

⁵⁰ Has My hand not made all these things?'

⁵¹ 'You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.

⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,

⁵³ who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it."

⁵⁴ When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth.

⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,

⁵⁶ and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord;

⁵⁸ and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

⁸Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

²And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

³As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.

⁴Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

⁵Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

⁶And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

⁷For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

⁸And there was great joy in that city.

'But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of

Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,

¹⁰to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God."

¹¹And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.

¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

¹³Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

¹⁴Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,

¹⁵who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

¹⁶For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

¹⁹saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

²⁰But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!"

²¹You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

²²Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

²³For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity."

²⁴Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

²⁵So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

²⁷So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,

²⁸was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.

²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

³⁰So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.

³²The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

³³In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."

³⁴So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?"

³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

³⁶Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

³⁷Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered

and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

³⁸So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

³Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

⁹Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

²and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

⁴Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

⁵And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

⁶So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one.

⁸Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

⁷And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.

¹²And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

¹³Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem.

¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

¹⁶For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

¹⁷And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹ Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

¹ So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

²⁰ Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

²¹ Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.

²³ Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.

²⁴ But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him.

²⁵ Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

²⁶ And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

²⁸ So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out.

² And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

³⁰ When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

³¹ Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

³² Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda.

³³There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.

³⁴And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

³⁵So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

³⁶At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.

³⁷But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

³And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

³Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.

⁴⁰But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.

⁴¹Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the

saints and widows, he presented her alive.

⁴²And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

⁴³So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

1 OThere was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,

²a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

³About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

⁴And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

⁵Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.

⁶He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do."

⁷And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually.

⁸So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour.

¹⁰Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance

¹¹and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

¹²in it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

¹³And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

¹⁴But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

¹⁵And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

¹⁶This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

¹⁷Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.

¹⁸And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there.

¹⁹While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you.

²⁰Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

²¹Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?"

²²And they said, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you."

²³Then he invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

²⁴And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

²⁵As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

²⁶But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man."

²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

²¹ Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

²¹ Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?"

³⁰ So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

³¹ and said, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God.

³² Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.'

³³ So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God."

³⁴ Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

³⁵ But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.

³⁶ The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all--

³⁷ that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

³¹ And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

⁴⁰ Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,

⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

⁴² And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³ To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

⁴⁶For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered,

⁴⁷ Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

1 1 Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

²And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him,

³saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"

⁴But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying:

⁵ I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.

⁶When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

⁸But I said, "Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth."

'But the voice answered me again from heaven, "What God has cleansed you must not call common.'

¹⁰Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven.

¹¹At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea.

¹²Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

¹³And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, "Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter,

¹⁴who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.'

¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.

¹⁶Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, "John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁷) therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

¹ When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

¹ Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only.

²⁰ But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus.

²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

²² Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

²³ When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

²⁴ For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul.

²⁶ And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many

people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

²⁷ And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch.

²⁸ Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.

²⁹ Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.

³⁰ This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

1 ² Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church.

² Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

³ And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

⁴ So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

⁵ Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.

⁶And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.

⁷Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.

⁸Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me."

⁹So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

¹⁰When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

¹¹And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

¹²So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.

¹³And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer.

¹⁴When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate.

¹⁵But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."

¹⁶Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

¹⁷But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren." And he departed and went to another place.

¹⁸Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter.

¹⁹But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there.

²⁰Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country.

²¹So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.

²²And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

²³Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

²⁴But the word of God grew and multiplied.

²⁵And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

1 ³Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

²As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

³Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

⁵And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the

synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

⁶Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

⁷who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

⁹Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

¹⁰and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?"

¹¹And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

¹²Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

¹³Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

¹⁴But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.

¹⁵And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."

¹⁶Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it.

¹⁸Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness.

¹⁹And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.

²⁰After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

²¹And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

²²And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a

man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

²³From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior--Jesus--

²⁴after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

²⁵And as John was finishing his course, he said, "Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'

²⁶Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.

²⁷For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him.

²⁸And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.

²⁹Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.

³⁰But God raised Him from the dead.

³¹He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.

³²And we declare to you glad tidings--that promise which was made to the fathers.

³³God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.'

³⁴And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: "I will give you the sure mercies of David.'

³⁵Therefore He also says in another Psalm: "You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'

³⁶'For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

³⁷but He whom God raised up saw no corruption.

³ Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;

³ and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

⁴⁰Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

⁴¹ Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, A work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you."

⁴²So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

⁴³Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

⁴⁵But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us: "I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth."

⁴⁸Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

⁴ And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

⁵⁰But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of

the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

⁵¹But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium.

⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

1 ⁴Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed.

²But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren.

³Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

⁴But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

⁵And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them,

⁶they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region.

⁷And they were preaching the gospel there.

⁸And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

⁹This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed,

¹⁰said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

¹¹Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!"

¹²And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker.

¹³Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out

¹⁵and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

¹⁶who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways.

¹⁷Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

¹ And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

¹ Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

²⁰However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

²¹And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch,

²²strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

²³So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

²⁵Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

²⁶From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

²⁷Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

²⁸So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

¹ 5And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

²Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.

⁴And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.

⁵But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to

command them to keep the law of Moses."

⁶Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.

⁷And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

'So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

'and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

¹⁰Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

¹¹But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

¹²Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.

¹³And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me:

¹⁴Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.

¹⁵And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:

¹⁶ⁱAfter this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;

¹⁷So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD. Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.'

¹⁸Known to God from eternity are all His works.

¹⁹Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,

²⁰but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.

²¹For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

²²Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren.

²³They wrote this, letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.

²⁴Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law" --to whom we gave no such commandment--

²⁵it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

²⁶men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁷We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth.

²⁸For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

²⁹that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

³⁰So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter.

³¹When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement.

³²Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words.

³³And after they had stayed there for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles.

³⁴However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there.

³⁵Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

³⁶Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing."

³⁷Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark.

³⁸But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.

³⁹Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;

⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.

⁴¹And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

1 ⁶Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

²He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.

³Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

⁴And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem.

⁵So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

⁶Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.

⁷After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

⁸So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

'And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

¹⁰Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis,

¹²and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.

¹³And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

¹⁴Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.

¹⁵And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

¹⁶Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.

¹⁷This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."

¹⁸And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.

²⁰And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city;

²¹and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe."

²²Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.

²³And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.

²⁴Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

²⁶Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

²⁷And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

²⁸But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

²⁹Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

³⁵And when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, "Let those men go."

³⁶So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace."

³⁷But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans, and have thrown us into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out."

³⁸And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans.

³⁹Then they came and pleaded with them and brought them out, and asked them to depart from the city.

⁴⁰So they went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.

1 ⁷Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

²Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

³explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ."

⁴And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

⁵But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

⁶But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

⁷Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king--Jesus."

⁸And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things.

⁹So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

¹¹These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

¹²Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

¹³But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds.

¹⁴Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there.

¹⁵So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

¹⁶Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within

him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.

¹⁷Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.

¹⁸Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?"

²⁰For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."

²¹For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

²²Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;

²³or as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

²⁴God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

²⁵Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

²⁶And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

²⁷so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

²⁸or in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring."

²⁹Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.

³⁰Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

³¹because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

³²And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked,

while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."

³³ So Paul departed from among them.

³⁴ However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

1 ⁸ After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.

² And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.

³ So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.

⁴ And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.

⁶ But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, "Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷ And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain man named Justus, one who worshiped God,

whose house was next door to the synagogue.

⁸ Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

'Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;

¹⁰ or I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."

¹¹ And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹² When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat,

¹³ saying, "This fellow persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

¹⁴ And when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked crimes, O Jews, there would be reason why I should bear with you.

¹⁵ But if it is a question of words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; for I do not want to be a judge of such matters."

¹⁶ And he drove them from the judgment seat.

¹⁷Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. But Gallio took no notice of these things.

¹ So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila were with him. He had his hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow.

¹ And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

²⁰When they asked him to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent,

²¹but took leave of them, saying, "I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, God willing." And he sailed from Ephesus.

²²And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.

²³After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

²⁴Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

²⁵This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

²⁶So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

²⁷And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

²⁸ or he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

1 9And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

²he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

³And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

⁴Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

⁵When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

⁷Now the men were about twelve in all.

⁸And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

'But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

¹⁰And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

¹¹Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

¹³Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."

¹⁴Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

¹⁵And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

¹⁶Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them,

and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

¹⁷This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

¹⁸And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

¹⁹Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

²⁰So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

²¹When these things were accomplished, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."

²²So he sent into Macedonia two of those who ministered to him, Timothy and Erastus, but he himself stayed in Asia for a time.

²³And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way.

²⁴For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen.

²⁵He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said:

"Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade.

²⁶Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.

²⁷So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship."

²⁸Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

²⁹So the whole city was filled with confusion, and rushed into the theater with one accord, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's travel companions.

³⁰And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him.

³¹Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater.

³²Some therefore cried one thing and some another, for the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together.

³³And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward.

And Alexander motioned with his hand, and wanted to make his defense to the people.

³⁴But when they found out that he was a Jew, all with one voice cried out for about two hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

³⁵And when the city clerk had quieted the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus, what man is there who does not know that the city of the Ephesians is temple guardian of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Zeus?"

³⁶Therefore, since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly.

³⁷For you have brought these men here who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of your goddess.

³⁸Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a case against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them bring charges against one another.

³⁹But if you have any other inquiry to make, it shall be determined in the lawful assembly.

⁴⁰For we are in danger of being called in question for today's uproar, there being no reason which we may give to account for this disorderly gathering."

⁴¹And when he had said these things, he dismissed the assembly.

2 OAfter the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to himself, embraced them, and departed to go to Macedonia.

²Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece

^hand stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

⁴And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia--also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

⁵These men, going ahead, waited for us at Troas.

⁶But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days.

⁷Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

⁸There were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together.

And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking,

he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

¹⁰But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him."

¹¹Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed.

¹²And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

¹³Then we went ahead to the ship and sailed to Assos, there intending to take Paul on board; for so he had given orders, intending himself to go on foot.

¹⁴And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

¹⁵We sailed from there, and the next day came opposite Chios. The following day we arrived at Samos and stayed at Trogyllium. The next day we came to Miletus.

¹⁶For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

¹⁷From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

¹⁸And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

²⁰ how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

²¹ testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

²² And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵ And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.

²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to

shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

²¹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

³¹ Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

³² 'So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

³³ I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

³⁴ Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

³⁷ Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him,

³⁸ sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his

face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

2 **1** Now it came to pass, that when we had departed from them and set sail, running a straight course we came to Cos, the following day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

²And finding a ship sailing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

³When we had sighted Cyprus, we passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her cargo.

⁴And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem.

⁵When we had come to the end of those days, we departed and went on our way; and they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city. And we knelt down on the shore and prayed.

⁶When we had taken our leave of one another, we boarded the ship, and they returned home.

⁷And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day.

⁸On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

⁹Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.

¹⁰And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

¹¹When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

¹²Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.

¹³Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

¹⁴So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

¹⁵And after those days we packed and went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁶Also some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us and brought with them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we were to lodge.

¹⁷And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

¹⁸On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

¹⁹When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

²⁰And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law;

²¹but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.

²²What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come.

²³Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow.

²⁴Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law.

²⁵But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality."

²⁶Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the

expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them.

²⁷Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him,

²⁸crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."

²⁹(For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

³⁰And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut.

³¹Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

³²He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

³³Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done.

³⁴And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another. So when

he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks.

³⁵When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob.

³⁶For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, "Away with him!"

³⁷Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can you speak Greek?"

³⁸Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?"

³⁹But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people."

⁴⁰So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

22 Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now."

²And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent. Then he said:

³"I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the

feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

⁴¹persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women,

^sas also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.

⁶Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me.

⁷And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

⁸So I answered, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said to me, "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting."

"And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me.

¹⁰So I said, "What shall I do, Lord?" And the Lord said to me, "Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do."

¹¹And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

¹²Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there,

¹³came to me; and he stood and said to me, "Brother Saul, receive your sight." And at that same hour I looked up at him.

¹⁴Then he said, "The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth.

¹⁵For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

¹⁶And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

¹⁷ Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance

¹ and saw Him saying to me, "Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.'

¹ So I said, "Lord, they know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believe on You.

²⁰And when the blood of Your martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by consenting to his death, and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.'

²¹Then He said to me, "Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles."

²²And they listened to him until this word, and then they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he is not fit to live!"

²³Then, as they cried out and tore off their clothes and threw dust into the air,

²⁴the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined under scourging, so that he might know why they shouted so against him.

²⁵And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

²⁶When the centurion heard that, he went and told the commander, saying, "Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman."

²⁷Then the commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes."

²⁸The commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship." And Paul said, "But I was born a citizen."

²⁹ Then immediately those who were about to examine him withdrew from him; and the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

³⁰The next day, because he wanted to know for certain why he was accused by the Jews, he released him from his bonds, and commanded the chief

priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

²3Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

²And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.

³Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?"

⁴And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

⁵Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, "You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people."

⁶But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!"

⁷And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the assembly was divided.

⁸For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection--and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

'Then there arose a loud outcry. And the scribes of the Pharisees' party arose and protested, saying, "We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God."

¹⁰Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks.

¹¹But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

¹²And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

¹³Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy.

¹⁴They came to the chief priests and elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great oath that we will eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

¹⁵Now you, therefore, together with the council, suggest to the commander that he be brought down to you tomorrow, as though you were going to make further

inquiries concerning him; but we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

¹⁶So when Paul's sister's son heard of their ambush, he went and entered the barracks and told Paul.

¹⁷Then Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to tell him."

¹⁸So he took him and brought him to the commander and said, "Paul the prisoner called me to him and asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."

¹⁹Then the commander took him by the hand, went aside, and asked privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?"

²⁰And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask that you bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more fully about him.

²¹But do not yield to them, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have bound themselves by an oath that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him; and now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you."

²²So the commander let the young man depart, and commanded him, "Tell no one that you have revealed these things to me."

²³And he called for two centurions, saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred

spearman to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night;

²⁴and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring him safely to Felix the governor."

²⁵He wrote a letter in the following manner:

²⁶Claudius Lysias, To the most excellent governor Felix: Greetings.

²⁷This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. Coming with the troops I rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman.

²⁸And when I wanted to know the reason they accused him, I brought him before their council.

²⁹I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but had nothing charged against him deserving of death or chains.

³⁰And when it was told me that the Jews lay in wait for the man, I sent him immediately to you, and also commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him. Farewell.

³¹Then the soldiers, as they were commanded, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris.

³²The next day they left the horsemen to go on with him, and returned to the barracks.

³³When they came to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.

³⁴And when the governor had read it, he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that he was from Cilicia,

³⁵he said, "I will hear you when your accusers also have come." And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium.

24Now after five days Ananias the high priest came down with the elders and a certain orator named Tertullus. These gave evidence to the governor against Paul.

²And when he was called upon, Tertullus began his accusation, saying: "Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought to this nation by your foresight,

⁰we accept it always and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

⁴Nevertheless, not to be tedious to you any further, I beg you to hear, by your courtesy, a few words from us.

⁵For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

⁶He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him, and wanted to judge him according to our law.

⁷But the commander Lysias came by and with great violence took him out of our hands,

⁸commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him."

'And the Jews also assented, maintaining that these things were so.

¹⁰Then Paul, after the governor had nodded to him to speak, answered: "Inasmuch as I know that you have been for many years a judge of this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself,

¹¹because you may ascertain that it is no more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship.

¹²And they neither found me in the temple disputing with anyone nor inciting the crowd, either in the synagogues or in the city.

¹³Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me.

¹⁴But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets.

^{15s} have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.

¹⁶This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

¹⁷ Now after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation,

¹ in the midst of which some Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with a mob nor with tumult.

¹ They ought to have been here before you to object if they had anything against me.

²⁰ Or else let those who are here themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,

²¹ unless it is for this one statement which I cried out, standing among them, "Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you this day."

²² But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of the Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case."

²³ So he commanded the centurion to keep Paul and to let him have liberty, and told him not to forbid any of his friends to provide for or visit him.

²⁴ And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

²⁵ Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

²⁶ Meanwhile he also hoped that money would be given him by Paul, that he might release him. Therefore he sent for him more often and conversed with him.

²⁷ But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

²⁵ Now when Festus had come to the province, after three days he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

² Then the high priest and the chief men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they petitioned him,

^b asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem--while they lay in ambush along the road to kill him.

⁴ But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself was going there shortly.

⁵ Therefore," he said, "let those who have authority among you go down with me and accuse this man, to see if there is any fault in him."

⁶ And when he had remained among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting

on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought.

⁷When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood about and laid many serious complaints against Paul, which they could not prove,

⁸while he answered for himself, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all."

'But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?"

¹⁰So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know.

¹¹For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar."

¹²Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"

¹³And after some days King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet Festus.

¹⁴When they had been there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king,

saying: "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix,

¹⁵about whom the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, when I was in Jerusalem, asking for a judgment against him.

¹⁶To them I answered, "It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before the accused meets the accusers face to face, and has opportunity to answer for himself concerning the charge against him.'

¹⁷Therefore when they had come together, without any delay, the next day I sat on the judgment seat and commanded the man to be brought in.

¹⁸When the accusers stood up, they brought no accusation against him of such things as I supposed,

¹⁹but had some questions against him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

²⁰And because I was uncertain of such questions, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters.

²¹But when Paul appealed to be reserved for the decision of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I could send him to Caesar."

²²Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear him."

²³So the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and had entered the auditorium with the commanders and the prominent men of the city, at Festus' command Paul was brought in.

²⁴And Festus said: "King Agrippa and all the men who are here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole assembly of the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out that he was not fit to live any longer.

²⁵But when I found that he had committed nothing deserving of death, and that he himself had appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him.

^{26a} have nothing certain to write to my lord concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I may have something to write.

²⁷For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him."

26Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself:

² I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews,

³especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to

do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

⁴ My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know.

⁵They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

⁶And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers.

⁷To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

⁸Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

"Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

¹⁰This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them.

¹¹And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

¹²While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

^h at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

¹⁴And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

¹⁵So I said, "Who are You, Lord?' And He said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

¹⁶But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.

^{17a} will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,

^{1'} to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

^{1"} Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

²⁰but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and

throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.

²¹For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

²²Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come--

²³that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

²⁴Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!"

²⁵But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.

²⁶For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.

²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."

^{2'} Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

^{2'} And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today,

might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains."

³⁰When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them;

³¹and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, "This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains."

³²Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

2 ⁷And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Regiment.

²So, entering a ship of Adramyttium, we put to sea, meaning to sail along the coasts of Asia. Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us.

³And the next day we landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him liberty to go to his friends and receive care.

⁴When we had put to sea from there, we sailed under the shelter of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

⁵And when we had sailed over the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

⁰There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he put us on board.

⁷When we had sailed slowly many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, the wind not permitting us to proceed, we sailed under the shelter of Crete off Salmone.

⁸Passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

⁹Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them,

¹⁰saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."

¹¹Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul.

¹²And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there.

¹³When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete.

¹⁴But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon.

¹⁵So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her drive.

¹⁶And running under the shelter of an island called Claudia, we secured the skiff with difficulty.

¹⁷When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.

¹⁸And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next day they lightened the ship.

¹⁹On the third day we threw the ship's tackle overboard with our own hands.

²⁰Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

²¹But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss.

²²And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

²³For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,

²⁴saying, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

²⁵Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.

²⁶However, we must run aground on a certain island."

²⁷Now when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors sensed that they were drawing near some land.

²⁸And they took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little farther, they took soundings again and found it to be fifteen fathoms.

²⁹Then, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come.

³⁰And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when they had let down the skill into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow,

³¹Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved."

³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the skiff and let it fall off.

³³And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing.

³⁴Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

³⁵And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat.

³⁶Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves.

³⁷And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship.

³⁸So when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship and threw out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹When it was day, they did not recognize the land; but they observed a bay with a beach, onto which they planned to run the ship if possible.

⁴⁰And they let go the anchors and left them in the sea, meanwhile loosing the rudder ropes; and they hoisted the mainsail to the wind and made for shore.

⁴¹But striking a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the violence of the waves.

⁴²And the soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and escape.

⁴³But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept them from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land,

⁴⁴and the rest, some on boards and some on parts of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land.

28Now when they had escaped, they then found out that the island was called Malta.

²And the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold.

³But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

⁴So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live."

⁵But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm.

⁶However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a

long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

⁷In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days.

⁸And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

'So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed.

¹⁰They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.

¹¹After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island.

¹²And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days.

¹³From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli,

¹⁴where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome.

¹⁵And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns.

When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

¹⁶Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

¹⁷And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. So when they had come together, he said to them: "Men and brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

¹ who, when they had examined me, wanted to let me go, because there was no cause for putting me to death.

¹ But when the Jews spoke against it, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation.

²⁰For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see you and speak with you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain."

²¹Then they said to him, "We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you.

²²But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere."

²³So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.

²⁴And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.

²⁵So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,

²⁶saying, "Go to this people and say: "Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive;

²⁷For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."

²⁸Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

²⁹And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had a great dispute among themselves.

³⁰Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,

³¹preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

1st Letter of Apostle Peter

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

² elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet

believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

⁹ receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into.

¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

¹⁵ but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

¹⁷And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

¹ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

¹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

²⁰He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you

²¹who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

²³having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

²⁴because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

²⁵But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

²Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

²as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

⁶if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

⁴Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

⁷Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

⁸and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

⁹But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

¹¹Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

¹²having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,

¹⁴or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men--

¹⁶as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

¹⁷Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

¹⁸Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.

¹⁹For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

²⁰For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²²Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

²³who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

³Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

²when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

³Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel--

⁴rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

⁵For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

⁶as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

⁷Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

⁸Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

'not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

¹⁰For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

¹¹Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹²For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

¹³And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."

¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

¹⁷For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

¹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

²⁰who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

²¹There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

⁴Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

²that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

³For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles--when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

⁴In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you.

⁵They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

⁶For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

⁷But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

⁸And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

⁹Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

¹⁰As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

¹¹ anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

¹⁴ you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

¹⁶et if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end

of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

¹ Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

¹ Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

⁵ The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

² Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

¹¹ To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹² By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

¹³ She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

1st Letter of Apostle John

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--

² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

⁵ This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

'If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

² My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

² And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

³ Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

⁷ Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.

⁸Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

'He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

¹⁰He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

¹¹But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹² write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

¹³ write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

¹⁴ have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

¹⁸Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

¹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

²⁰But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

^{21a} have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

²²Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

²³Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

²⁴Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

²⁵And this is the promise that He has promised us--eternal life.

²⁶These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you.

²⁷But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

²⁸And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

²⁹you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

3Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

³And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

⁵And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

⁶Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

⁹Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

¹⁰In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

¹¹For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

¹²not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

¹³Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the

brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.

¹⁵Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

¹⁷But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

²²And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

²³And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

²⁴Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

⁴Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

²By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

^hand every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

⁵They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them.

⁶We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

⁸He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

'In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

¹ We love Him because He first loved us.

²⁰ someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

⁵ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is He who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.

⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

⁸And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

'If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

¹⁰He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

¹⁴Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

¹⁶ anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

¹ We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

¹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

The letter of brother James to the Dispersed Brethren

¹ James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,

¹⁰ but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away.

¹¹ For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

¹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

²⁰ or the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

²⁴ or he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

²⁷ pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

2 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.

² For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes,

^h and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"

⁴ have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

⁷ Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;

'but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

¹¹ For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹²So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.

¹³For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

¹⁷Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

¹⁹You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

²⁰But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

²²Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

²³And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

²⁵Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

³My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

²For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

³Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.

⁴Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires.

⁵Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!

⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body,

and sets on fire the course of nature;
and it is set on fire by hell.

⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of
reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed
and has been tamed by mankind.

⁸But no man can tame the tongue. It is
an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

'With it we bless our God and Father,
and with it we curse men, who have
been made in the similitude of God.

¹⁰Out of the same mouth proceed
blessing and cursing. My brethren,
these things ought not to be so.

¹¹Does a spring send forth fresh water
and bitter from the same opening?

¹²Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear
olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus
no spring yields both salt water and
fresh.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among
you? Let him show by good conduct that
his works are done in the meekness of
wisdom.

¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-
seeking in your hearts, do not boast and
lie against the truth.

¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from
above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking exist,
confusion and every evil thing are there.

¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is
first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing

to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,
without partiality and without hypocrisy.

¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown
in peace by those who make peace.

⁴Where do wars and fights come from
among you? Do they not come from
your desires for pleasure that war in
your members?

²You lust and do not have. You murder
and covet and cannot obtain. You fight
and war. Yet you do not have because
you do not ask.

³You ask and do not receive, because
you ask amiss, that you may spend it on
your pleasures.

⁴Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you
not know that friendship with the world is
enmity with God? Whoever therefore
wants to be a friend of the world makes
himself an enemy of God.

⁵Or do you think that the Scripture says
in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us
yearns jealously"?

⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore He
says: "God resists the proud, But gives
grace to the humble."

⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the
devil and he will flee from you.

⁸Draw near to God and He will draw
near to you. Cleanse your hands, you
sinners; and purify your hearts, you
double-minded.

'Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

¹¹Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

¹²There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";

¹⁴whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

¹⁵Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

¹⁶But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

¹⁷Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

5Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you!

²Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.

³Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.

⁴Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

⁵You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

⁶You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

⁷Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

⁸You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

'Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

¹² But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment.

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

The letter of brother Jude to his brother James

¹ Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

² Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵ But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

⁶ And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after

strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

⁸ Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

¹⁰ But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

¹¹ Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

¹² These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

¹³ raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

¹⁴ Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also,

saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

¹⁵ execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

¹⁶ These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.

¹⁷ But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:

¹ how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

¹ These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

²² And on some have compassion, making a distinction;

²³ but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

1st Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Thessalonica

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

³remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

⁴knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

⁵For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

⁶And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

⁷so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

⁸For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

'For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

² For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain.

²But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.

³For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.

⁴But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

⁵For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness--God is witness.

⁶Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.

⁷But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

⁸So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;

¹¹as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children,

¹²that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

¹³For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

¹⁴For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,

¹⁵who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men,

¹⁶forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

¹⁷But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire.

¹⁸Therefore we wanted to come to you--even I, Paul, time and again--but Satan hindered us.

¹⁹For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

²¹Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone,

²²and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,

²³that no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.

⁴For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.

⁵For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.

⁶But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you--

⁷therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith.

⁸For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

⁹For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God,

¹⁰night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,

¹³so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God

and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

⁴Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;

²for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

³For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

⁴that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

⁵not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

⁶that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.

⁷For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.

⁸Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

⁹But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

¹⁰and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

¹¹hat you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,

¹²hat you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

⁵But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

⁵You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

⁸But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

⁹For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁰who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

¹¹Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

¹²And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

^hand to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

¹⁴Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

¹⁵See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

¹⁶Rejoice always,

^{17p}Pray without ceasing,

¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹ Do not quench the Spirit.

²⁰Do not despise prophecies.

²¹Test all things; hold fast what is good.

²²Abstain from every form of evil.

²³Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

²⁵Brethren, pray for us.

²⁶Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

²⁷ charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to all the holy brethren.

²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Thessalonica

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

⁴ so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

⁵ which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

⁶ since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

⁷ and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,

⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

¹¹ Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,

¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

² Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

⁶And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.

⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

'And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

'The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

¹⁰and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

¹²that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

¹³But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

¹⁴which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace,

¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

3Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you,

²and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

³But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

⁴And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you.

⁵Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

⁶But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.

⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you;

⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you,

'not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

¹⁰For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

¹¹For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

¹²Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

¹³But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

¹⁴And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.

¹⁵et do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.

¹⁷The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so I write.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Galatia

¹ Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),

² and all the brethren who are with me,
To the churches of Galatia:

³ Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴ who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

⁵ to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

'As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

¹⁰ For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

²⁰(Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)

²¹Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

²²And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ.

²³But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy."

²⁴And they glorified God in me.

²Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me.

²And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

³Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

⁴And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage),

^sto whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

⁶But from those who seemed to be something--whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man--for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.

⁷But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter

⁸(for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),

'and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

¹⁰They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

¹¹Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;

¹² or before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.

¹³And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

¹⁴But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"

¹⁵We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

¹⁶knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

¹⁷But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!

¹⁸For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

¹⁹For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.

^{20a} have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

^{21a} do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

TO foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

²This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

³Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

⁴Have you suffered so many things in vain--if indeed it was in vain?

⁵Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?--

⁶just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

⁷Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

'So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

¹⁰For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not

continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

¹¹But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

¹²Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

¹³Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"),

¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

¹⁵Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

¹⁶Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

¹⁷And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.

¹⁸For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

¹⁹What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should

come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

²⁰Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

²²But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

²⁴Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

⁴Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,

²but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

³Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

⁶And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

⁷Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

⁸But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.

⁹But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

¹⁰You observe days and months and seasons and years.

¹¹ am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

¹²Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all.

¹³ You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.

¹⁴And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

¹⁵What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

¹⁶Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

¹⁷They zealously court you, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them.

¹⁸But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.

¹⁹ My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

^{20a} would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

²³But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,

²⁴which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar--

²⁵or this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children--

²⁶but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

²⁷For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."

²¹ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

²¹ But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

³⁰Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."

³¹So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

⁵Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

²Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing.

³And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law.

⁴You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

⁵For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

⁷You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

⁸This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you.

⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

^{10a} have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

¹¹And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased.

¹² could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!

¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

^{16a} say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

¹ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

^{23g} gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

⁶ Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

³ For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

⁴ But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

⁵ For each one shall bear his own load.

⁶ Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

⁷Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

⁸For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

'And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

¹¹See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

¹²As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

¹³For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

¹⁴But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

¹⁵For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

¹⁶And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁸Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

1st Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

² To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,

⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge,

⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

⁷ so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

¹¹ For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you.

¹² Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

^{14a} I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

¹⁵ lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.

¹⁶ Besides, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

²⁰Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

²²For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

²³but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

²¹ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has

chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

²¹ that no flesh should glory in His presence.

³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption--

³¹that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

²For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

^AI was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

^Sthat your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

⁸which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

'But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

¹⁰But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches allthings, yes, the deep things of God.

¹¹For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

¹³These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things withspiritual.

¹⁴But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

¹⁵But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

¹⁶For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

3And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.

²I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;

³for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

⁴For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

⁵Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

¹ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

⁷So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

⁸Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.

¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

¹⁴ anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

¹⁵ anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

¹⁷ anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness";

²⁰and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:

²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come--all are yours.

²³And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

²⁴Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

²⁵Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

²⁶But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

²⁷For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

²⁸Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

²⁹Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

⁷For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

⁸You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us--and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you!

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

¹⁰We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!

¹¹To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.

¹²And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

¹³being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.

^{14a} do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

¹⁵For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

¹⁶Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

¹⁷For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

¹⁸Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.

¹⁹ But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power.

²⁰For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

²¹What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

⁵It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles--that a man has his father's wife!

²And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

³For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed.

⁴In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along

with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁵deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

⁶Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

⁷Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

'Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

'I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people.

¹⁰Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

¹¹But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.

¹²For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside?

¹³But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."

⁶Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

²Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

³Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

⁴If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?

⁵I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

⁶But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

⁷Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?

⁸No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

'Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do

not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

¹⁰nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

¹²All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

¹³Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

¹⁴And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!

¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."

¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

¹⁸Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he

who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

²⁰For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

²¹Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman.

²²Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

²³Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

²⁴The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

²⁵Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

²⁶But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment.

⁷For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

⁸But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am;

'but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

¹⁰Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband.

¹¹But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

¹²But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her.

¹³And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him.

¹⁴For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

¹⁵But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.

¹⁶For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

¹⁷But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

¹⁸Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.

¹⁹ Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.

²⁰Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.

²¹Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it.

²²For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave.

²³ You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

²⁴Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.

²⁵Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy.

²⁶ suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress--that it is good for a man to remain as he is:

²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

²¹ But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.

² But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none,

³⁰ those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess,

³¹ and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away.

³² But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord--how he may please the Lord.

³³ But he who is married cares about the things of the world--how he may please his wife.

³⁴ There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world--how she may please her husband.

³⁵ And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.

³⁶ But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry.

³⁷ Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well.

³⁸ So then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better.

³ A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

⁴⁰ But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment--and I think I also have the Spirit of God.

⁸ Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

² And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

³ But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

⁴Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one.

⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords),

⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

⁷However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

'But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

¹¹And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

¹²But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

9Am I not an apostle? Am I not free?
Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?
Are you not my work in the Lord?

²If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

³My defense to those who examine me is this:

⁴Do we have no right to eat and drink?

⁵Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

⁶Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?

⁷Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

⁸Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also?

'For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about?

¹⁰Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is

written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

¹¹ we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?

¹² others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

¹³ Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?

¹⁴ Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

¹⁵ But I have used none of these things, nor have I written these things that it should be done so to me; for it would be better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting void.

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

¹⁷ For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

¹⁸ What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I

may not abuse my authority in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;

²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;

²¹ to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;

²² to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

²³ Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

²⁵ And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.

²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have

preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea,

²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

³all ate the same spiritual food,

⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

⁵But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

⁷And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."

⁸Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell;

'nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

¹⁰'nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹²Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹³No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

¹⁴Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

^{15a} speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say.

¹⁶The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

¹⁷For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

¹⁸observe Israel after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

¹⁹What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?

²⁰ Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

²² Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

²³ All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

²⁴ Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

²⁵ Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake;

²⁶ For "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."

²⁷ any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

²⁸ But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."

²⁹ "Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience?

³⁰ But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for the food over which I give thanks?

³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

³² Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

As I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1 1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

² Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.

³ But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

⁴ Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head.

⁵ But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.

⁶ For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.

⁷For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

⁸For man is not from woman, but woman from man.

⁹Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

¹⁰For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

¹¹Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord.

¹²For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.

¹³Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?

¹⁴Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?

¹⁵But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering.

¹⁶But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God.

¹⁷Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse.

¹⁸For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

¹⁹For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

²⁰Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

²¹For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk.

²²What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

²³For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁵In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

²⁷Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

²¹ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²¹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

³⁰For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

³¹For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

³²But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

³³Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

³⁴But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

1 ²Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

²You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led.

³Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

⁷But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

¹²For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

¹³For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

¹⁴For in fact the body is not one member but many.

¹⁵ the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

¹⁷) the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?

¹ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

¹ And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

²⁰But now indeed there are many members, yet one body.

²¹And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

²²No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

²³And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our

unpresentable parts have greater modesty,

²⁴but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it,

²⁵that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

²⁶And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

²⁸And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

³⁰Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

³¹But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

¹ ³Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

⁴Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

⁶does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

'For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part,

but then I shall know just as I also am known.

¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 ⁴Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

²For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

³But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

⁴He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

⁵I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

⁶But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?

⁷Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played?

⁸For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

'So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

¹⁰There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance.

¹¹Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me.

¹²Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

¹³Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

¹⁵What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

¹⁶Or otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say?

¹⁷For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

¹⁸thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;

¹⁹yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

²¹In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord.

²²Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

²³Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?

²⁴But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.

²⁵And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

²⁶How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

²⁷ anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.

²⁸ But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.

²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.

³⁰ But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent.

³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

³³ For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

³⁴ Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.

³⁵ And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

³⁶ Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached?

³⁷ anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

³⁸ But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

³ Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.

⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently and in order.

¹ 5 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

^s and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

'For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

¹¹Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen.

¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

¹⁵Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise.

¹⁶For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen.

¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

²⁰But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

²³But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

²⁴Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

²⁷For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

²⁸Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

²⁹Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?

³⁰And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour?

³¹ affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

³² in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

³³ Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?"

³⁶ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies.

³⁷ And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain--perhaps wheat or some other grain.

³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.

⁴⁰ There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

⁴² So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will

sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 ⁶Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also:

²On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.

³And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.

⁴But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

⁵Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia).

⁶And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go.

⁷For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits.

⁸But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost.

⁹For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

¹⁰And if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do.

¹¹Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

¹²Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time.

¹³Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

¹⁴Let all that you do be done with love.

¹⁵ urge you, brethren--you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints--

¹⁶ hat you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with US.

^{17a} am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.

¹ For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

¹ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the

Lord, with the church that is in their house.

²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ The salutation with my own hand-- Paul's.

²² anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

²⁴ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

⁶ Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

⁷ And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

⁸ For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened

beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

⁹ Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,

¹⁰ who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

¹¹ you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.

¹² For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

¹³ For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end

¹⁴ (as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁵ And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, that you might have a second benefit--

¹⁶ to pass by way of you to Macedonia, to come again from Macedonia to you,

and be helped by you on my way to Judea.

¹⁷Therefore, when I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No?

¹⁸But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No.

¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us--by me, Silvanus, and Timothy--was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes.

²⁰For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

²¹Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God,

²²who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

²³Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth.

²⁴Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

²⁵But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow.

²⁶For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

²⁷And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.

²⁸For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

²⁹But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent--not to be too severe.

³⁰This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man,

³¹so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow.

³²Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him.

For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

³³Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ,

³⁴lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

¹²Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord,

¹³ had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.

¹⁴Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

¹⁵For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

¹⁶To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

¹⁷For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

3Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you?

²You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

³clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

⁴And we have such trust through Christ toward God.

⁵Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,

⁶who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

⁸how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

⁹For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

¹⁰For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.

¹¹For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

¹²Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech--

¹³unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

¹⁴But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

¹⁵But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

¹⁶Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

⁴Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

²But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

³But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

⁴whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

⁶For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--

¹⁰always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

¹¹For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹²So then death is working in us, but life in you.

¹³And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

¹⁴knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

¹⁵For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

¹⁸while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

⁵For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

²For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

⁶if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

⁴For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

⁵Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

⁹Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

¹¹Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

¹²For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

¹⁴For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

¹⁶Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

¹⁸Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

¹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

²¹For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

⁶We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

²For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

³We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

⁴But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

^sin stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

⁶by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,

⁷by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

⁸by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;

[']as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

¹¹⁰ Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open.

¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections.

¹³Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness?

And what communion has light with darkness?

¹⁵And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

¹⁶And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

¹⁷Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

¹I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

⁷Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

²Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one.

¹I do not say this to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.

⁴Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

⁵For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears.

⁶Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

⁷and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

⁸For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while.

'Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

¹⁰For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

¹¹For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

¹²Therefore, although I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.

¹³Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.

¹⁴For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true.

¹⁵And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him.

¹⁶Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.

⁸Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

²that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

³For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

⁴imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

⁵And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

⁶So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

⁷But as you abound in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us--see that you abound in this grace also.

⁸I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

¹⁰And in this I give advice: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago;

¹¹but now you also must complete the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to desire it, so there also may be a completion out of what you have.

¹²For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.

¹³For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened;

¹⁴but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their

lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack--that there may be equality.

¹⁵As it is written, "He who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had no lack."

¹⁶But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus.

¹⁷For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord.

¹⁸And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches,

¹⁹and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind,

²⁰avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us--

²¹providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

²²And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which we have in you.

²³anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are

inquired about, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

²⁴Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.

⁹Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you;

²for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.

³Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready;

⁴lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting.

⁵Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

⁶But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

⁷So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

'As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

¹¹while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

¹²For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,

¹³while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,

¹⁴and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.

¹⁵Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

1 O Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ--who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold toward you.

²But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

^scasting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

^hand being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

⁷Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's.

⁸For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed--

'lest I seem to terrify you by letters.

¹⁰'For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible."

¹¹Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we

are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

¹²For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are notwise.

¹³We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us--a sphere which especially includes you.

¹⁴For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ;

¹⁵not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere,

¹⁶ preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment.

¹⁷But "he who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

¹⁸For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

1 1 Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly--and indeed you do bear with me.

²For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

³But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

⁴For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!

⁵For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles.

⁶Even though I am untrained in speech, yet I am not in knowledge. But we have been thoroughly manifested among you in all things.

⁷Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge?

⁸I robbed other churches, taking wages from them to minister to you.

'And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep myself.

¹⁰As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

¹¹Why? Because I do not love you? God knows!

¹²But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.

¹³For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

¹⁴And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

¹⁶say again, let no one think me a fool. If otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, that I also may boast a little.

¹⁷What I speak, I speak not according to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

¹⁸Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast.

¹⁹For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise!

²⁰For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face.

²¹To our shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold--I speak foolishly--I am bold also.

²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I.

²³Are they ministers of Christ?--I speak as a fool--I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

²⁴From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

²⁶in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

²⁷in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness--

²⁸besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?

³⁰I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity.

³¹The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

³²In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me;

³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

1 ²It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord:

²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago--whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows--such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

³And I know such a man--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows--

⁴how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

⁵Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities.

⁶For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the

revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

⁸Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

'And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

^{11a} have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing.

¹²Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

¹³For what is it in which you were inferior to other churches, except that I myself was not burdensome to you? Forgive me this wrong!

¹⁴Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

¹⁵ And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.

¹⁶ But be that as it may, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning!

¹⁷ Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you?

^{18a} urged Titus, and sent our brother with him. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did we not walk in the same steps?

¹ Again, do you think that we excuse ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But we do all things, beloved, for your edification.

²⁰ For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;

²¹ lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not repented of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

1 3 This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

² I have told you before, and foretell as if I were present the second time, and now being absent I write to those who have sinned before, and to all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare--

³ since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.

⁴ For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

⁵ Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

⁶ But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

⁷ Now I pray to God that you do no evil, not that we should appear approved, but that you should do what is honorable, though we may seem disqualified.

⁸ For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

⁹ For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. And this also we pray, that you may be made complete.

¹⁰ Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction.

¹¹Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss.

¹³All the saints greet you.

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Letter from Apostle Paul to the Church in Rome

¹ Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,

³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

⁴ and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

⁵ Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,

⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

⁷ To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

¹⁰ asking request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.

¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established--

¹² that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

¹³ Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.

^{14a} I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

¹⁵ So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

¹ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

²⁰For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

²¹because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²²Professing to be wise, they became fools,

²³and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

²⁵who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

²⁷Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, 1men with

1men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

²¹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

³⁰backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

³¹undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;

³²who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

2Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

²But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

³And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

⁴Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

⁵But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

⁶who "will render to each one according to his deeds":

⁷eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

⁸but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath,

tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;

¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹¹For there is no partiality with God.

¹²For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

¹³(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;

¹⁴ or when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

¹⁵who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

¹⁶in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

¹⁷indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God,

¹⁸and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,

¹⁹and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

²⁰an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.

²¹You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal?

²²You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

²³You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law?

²⁴For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.

²⁵For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

²⁶Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

²⁷And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law?

²¹ For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;

²¹ but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

³What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?

²Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

³For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?

⁴Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

"That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."

⁵But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.)

⁶Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

⁷For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?

⁸And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"?--as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

⁹What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

¹⁰As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

¹²They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

¹³"Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips";

^{14a}Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."

¹⁵ Their feet are swift to shed blood;

¹⁶ Destruction and misery are in their ways;

¹⁷ And the way of peace they have not known."

^{1"} There is no fear of God before their eyes."

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

²³ or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness,

because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.

²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

² Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

³⁰ since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

⁴ What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?

² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

⁴Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

⁵But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

⁶just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

⁷ Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;

'Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.'

'Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness.

¹⁰How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised.

¹¹And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also,

¹²and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith

which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

¹³For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,

¹⁵because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

¹⁷(as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed--God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

¹ who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

¹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

²⁰He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

²¹and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

²²And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

²³Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him,

²⁴but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,

²⁵who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

⁵Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

¹⁰For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--

¹³(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

¹⁶And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

¹⁷For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

¹ Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

¹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

²⁰Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

²¹so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁶What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

²Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

⁶knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

⁷For he who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

¹⁰For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

¹¹Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

¹³And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

¹⁶Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

¹⁷But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

¹And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

¹I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

²¹What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

²²But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

⁷Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?

²For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.

³So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.

⁴Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another--to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

⁵For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

⁶But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the

newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

⁷What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

'But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.

I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

¹⁰And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.

¹¹For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.

¹²Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

¹³Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

¹⁵For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

¹⁶ then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good.

¹⁷ But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.

¹⁹ For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

²⁰ Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

²¹ So I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

²² For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.

²³ But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

^{25a} thank God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ

Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

'But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

¹⁰And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

¹²Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

¹ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

¹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

²⁴For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

³³Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

³⁷et in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

³¹For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

³¹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate

us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

91 tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

²that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

³For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh,

⁴who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises;

⁵of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

⁶But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,

⁷nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called."

⁸That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

'For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."

¹⁰And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac

¹¹(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls),

¹²it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger."

¹³As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!

¹⁵For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."

¹⁶So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

¹⁷For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."

¹ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

¹ You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?"

²⁰But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

²¹Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

²²What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

²³and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

²⁴even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

²⁵As He says also in Hosea: "I will call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved."

²⁶And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, "You are not My people," There they shall be called sons of the living God."

²⁷Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved."

²⁸For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth."

²⁹And as Isaiah said before: "Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah."

³⁰What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;

³¹but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

³²Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

³³As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

1 O Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

³For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

⁶But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

⁷or, Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

'that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

¹¹For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

¹³For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

¹⁴How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?"

¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

¹ But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

¹ But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation."

²⁰But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me."

²¹But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people."

1 1 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

²God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how

he pleads with God against Israel, saying,

³"LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"?

⁴But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

⁵Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

⁶And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

⁷What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

⁸Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day."

'And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them.

¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always."

^{11a} say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.

¹²Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

¹³For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

¹⁴ by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.

¹⁵For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

¹⁶For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,

¹⁸do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."

²⁰Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.

²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.

²²Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell,

severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

²³And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

²⁴For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁵For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

²⁶And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

²⁷For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

²⁸Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience,

³¹even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.

³²For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

³⁴'For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?"

³⁵Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"

³⁶For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

1 ²¹ beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

³For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

⁴For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

⁷or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

¹⁰Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

¹¹not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

¹²rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

¹³distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

¹ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

¹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 3Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

⁴For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

⁵Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

⁷Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

⁸Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

'For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works

of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

¹³Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

1 ⁴Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

²For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

³Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

⁴Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

⁶He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

⁷For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

'For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

¹¹For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."

¹²So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

¹³Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

¹⁴ I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

¹⁵Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

¹⁶Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;

¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

¹ Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

²⁰Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

²¹It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

²²Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

²³But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

1 ⁵We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

²Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

³For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

⁵Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

⁶that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

⁸Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

'and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."

¹⁰And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!"

¹¹And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"

¹²And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."

¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

¹⁵Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,

¹⁶that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God.

¹⁸For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient--

¹ in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

²⁰And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation,

²¹but as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand."

²²For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you.

²³But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,

²⁴whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.

²⁵But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

²⁶For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

²⁷pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

²¹ Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

²¹ But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

³⁰Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,

³¹What I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,

³²that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you.

³³Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

1 6I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea,

²that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.

³Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

⁴who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

⁵Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.

⁶Greet Mary, who labored much for us.

⁷Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

⁸Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.

⁹Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

¹⁰Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

¹¹Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

¹²Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord.

¹³Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

¹⁴Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them.

¹⁵Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

¹⁷Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

¹⁸For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

¹⁹For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.

²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

²¹Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.

²²Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord.

²³Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother.

²⁴The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

²⁵Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began

²⁶but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith--

²⁷to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Philippi

¹ Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,

⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

⁷ just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

⁸ For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹² But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,

¹³ so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ;

¹⁴ and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill:

¹⁶ The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains;

¹⁷ but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel.

¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

¹⁹For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

²⁰according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

²²But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.

²³For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

²⁴Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

²⁵And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,

²⁶that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

²⁸and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of

perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

²⁹For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

³⁰having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

³¹Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

³²fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

³³Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

³⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

³⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

³⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

³⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

³⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became

obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

'Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

¹⁰ hat at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

¹³ or it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without complaining and disputing,

¹⁵ hat you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

¹⁷ es, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

¹⁸ For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.

¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

²⁰ For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

²² But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.

²³ Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

²⁴ But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

²⁵ et I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

²⁶ since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

²⁷ For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

²⁸ Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

²⁹Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

³⁰because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

³Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

²Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!

³For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

⁴though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

⁵circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

⁶concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

⁹and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

¹¹if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

¹³Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

^{14s} press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

¹⁶Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

¹⁷Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

¹⁸For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even

weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

¹⁹whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things.

²⁰For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

²¹who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

⁴Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

²₁ implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

⁹The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your¹ care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

^{12a} know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

¹³ can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

¹⁴Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.

¹⁵Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church

shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

¹⁶For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

¹Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

¹And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

²⁰Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

²²All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

²³The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Colosse

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

⁵because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

⁶which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

⁷as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

⁸who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with

the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

¹⁰that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹¹strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

²²in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight--

²³if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

²⁵which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this

mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

²¹ To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

2 For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh,

²that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,

^Min whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.

⁵For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

'For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

¹¹in Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

¹²buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

¹³And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

¹⁴having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

¹⁵Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,

¹⁷which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

¹⁸Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

²⁰Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations--

²¹Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,"

²²which all concern things which perish with the using--according to the commandments and doctrines of men?

²³These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

⁵Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

⁶Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

⁷in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

'But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

'Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

¹⁰and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

¹¹where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

¹²Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

¹⁸Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

²⁰Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

²²Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

²³And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

²⁵But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

⁴Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

²Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

³meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,

⁴that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

⁵Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

⁶Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

⁷Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me.

⁸I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,

'with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here.

¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him),

¹¹and Jesus who is called Justus. These are my only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are of the circumcision; they have proved to be a comfort to me.

¹²Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

¹³For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

¹⁴Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

¹⁵Greet the brethren who are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church that is in his house.

¹⁶Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

¹⁷And say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

¹This salutation by my own hand--Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Ephesus

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,

⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him.

¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the

riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

²²And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

2And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

not of works, lest anyone should boast.

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

¹¹Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands--

¹²that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

¹⁵having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

¹⁶and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

¹⁸For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles--

²if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

So how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

⁴by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

⁵which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

⁶that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

⁷of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

⁸To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

⁹and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

¹⁰to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

¹¹according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

¹³Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--

¹⁹to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

²¹to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

⁴¹therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

⁷But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

⁹(Now this, "He ascended"--what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

¹² or the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

¹³ I we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

¹⁴ hat we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

¹ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

¹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ,

²¹ indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

²⁶ 'Be angry, and do not sin': do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

²¹ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

²¹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

³²And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

⁵Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

³But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

⁴neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

⁵For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

⁷Therefore do not be partakers with them.

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

'(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

¹⁰inding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

¹²For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

¹³But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

¹⁴Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

¹⁵See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

¹⁸And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

²⁰giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

²¹submitting to one another in the fear of God.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

²³For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

²⁴Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

³⁰For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

³¹'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

³²This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

³³Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

⁶Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

² Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

³ 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

⁴And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

⁵Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

⁶not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

⁷with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

⁸knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

'And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ or which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

²¹ But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you;

²² whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.

²³ Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

2nd Letter of Apostle John

¹ The Elder, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth,

² because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

⁴ I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

⁵ And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.

⁶ This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

¹¹ or he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

¹² Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

3rd Letter of Apostle John

¹ The Elder, To the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth:

² Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

³ For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.

⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

⁵ Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers,

⁶ who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well,

⁷ because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

⁸ We therefore ought to receive such, that we may become fellow workers for the truth.

⁹ I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.

¹⁰ Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God.

¹² Demetrius has a good testimony from all, and from the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³ I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink;

¹⁴ but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

The letter of Apostle Paul to brother Philemon

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer,

² to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers,

⁵ hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints,

⁶ that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

⁷ For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

⁸ Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting,

'yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you--being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ--

¹⁰ appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains,

¹¹ who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.

^{12a} am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart,

¹³ whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel.

¹⁴ But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.

¹⁵ For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever,

¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave--a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷) then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me.

¹⁸ But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.

¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay--not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides.

²⁰Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

²¹Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

²²But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.

²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

²⁴as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers.

²⁵The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The letter of Apostle Paul to brother Titus

¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

^A but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

⁴ To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

⁵ For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you--

⁶ if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.

⁷ For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

'but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled,

'holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

¹⁰ For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,

¹¹ whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

¹² One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.

¹⁵ To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

¹⁶ They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

² But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

²that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

^bthe older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--

⁴that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

^sto be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

⁶Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,

⁷in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

⁸sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

[']Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back,

¹⁰not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

¹⁴who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

¹⁵Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

³Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,

²to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

³For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

^snot by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

⁷that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁸This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

⁹But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

¹⁰Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,

¹¹knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

¹²When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

¹³Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing.

¹⁴And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

¹⁵All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

1st Letter of Apostle Paul to Brother Timothy

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

² To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

⁴ nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,

⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,

⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

⁸ But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,

'knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers

and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

¹⁰ or fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

¹¹ according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹ This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

¹ having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,

²⁰ of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

² Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

⁷ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle--I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying--a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

'in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

¹⁰ but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

¹¹ Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

¹² And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

¹⁵ Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

³ This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.

² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

^knot given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;

⁴one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence

⁵(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

⁶not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

⁷Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

⁸Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money,

holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.

¹⁰But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.

¹¹Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things.

¹²Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

¹³For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good

standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;

¹⁵but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

¹⁶And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

⁴Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

²speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

³forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

⁴For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

⁵for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

⁶If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of

faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.

⁷But reject profane and oldwives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.

⁸For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

'This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

¹⁰For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

¹¹These things command and teach.

¹²Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

¹³Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

¹⁴Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

¹⁵Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

¹⁶Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

⁵Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,

²older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.

³Honor widows who are really widows.

⁴But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.

⁵Now she who is really a widow, and left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

⁶But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.

⁷And these things command, that they may be blameless.

⁸But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

⁹Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been the wife of one man,

¹⁰well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

¹¹But refuse the younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,

¹²having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.

¹³And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

¹⁴Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

¹⁵For some have already turned aside after Satan.

¹⁶any believing man or woman has widows, let them relieve them, and do not let the church be burdened, that it may relieve those who are really widows.

¹⁷Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

¹⁸For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

¹⁹Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.

²⁰Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

²¹charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

²²Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

²³No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.

²⁴Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.

²⁵Likewise, the good works of some are clearly evident, and those that are otherwise cannot be hidden.

⁶Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

²And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

^EIf anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,

⁴he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments

over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,

⁵useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.

⁶Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

⁸And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

'But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

¹²Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ

Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

¹⁴that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,

¹⁵which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

¹⁶who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

¹⁸Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

¹⁹storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

²⁰O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge--

²¹by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to Brother Timothy

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹ I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

⁴greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

⁵when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

⁶Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

'who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

¹⁰but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

¹¹to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

¹²For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

¹³Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

¹⁵This you know, that all those in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

¹⁶The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

¹⁷but when he arrived in Rome, he sought me out very zealously and found me.

¹The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day--and you know very well how many ways he ministered to me at Ephesus.

2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

²And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

³You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

⁴No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

⁵And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

⁶The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops.

⁷Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

⁸Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

⁹for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

¹⁰Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

¹¹This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.

¹²we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

¹³we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

¹⁴Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers.

¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

¹⁶But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

¹⁷And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort,

¹⁸who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

¹⁹Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

²⁰But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

²¹Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

²²Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

²³But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

²⁴And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

²⁵in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

²⁶and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

3But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

⁶For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

⁹but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

¹⁰But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

¹¹persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.

¹²Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

¹³But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

41 charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

²Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

⁴and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

⁵But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

⁹Be diligent to come to me quickly;

¹⁰or Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica--Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

¹²And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

¹³Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come--and the books, especially the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

¹⁶At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.

¹⁷But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

¹⁸And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

²⁰Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.

²¹Do your utmost to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.

²²The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

2nd Letter of Apostle Peter

¹ Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

^has His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

⁵But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

⁶to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

⁷to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

⁸For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

'For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

¹⁰Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

¹¹ or so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

¹³es, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

¹⁴knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

¹⁵Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

¹⁶For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

¹⁷For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice

came to Him from the Excellent Glory:
"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am
well pleased."

¹ And we heard this voice which came
from heaven when we were with Him on
the holy mountain.

¹ And so we have the prophetic word
confirmed, which you do well to heed as
a light that shines in a dark place, until
the day dawns and the morning star
rises in your hearts;

²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of
Scripture is of any private interpretation,

²¹ or prophecy never came by the will of
man, but holy men of God spoke as they
were moved by the Holy Spirit.

2 But there were also false prophets
among the people, even as there will be
false teachers among you, who will
secretly bring in destructive heresies,
even denying the Lord who bought them,
and bring on themselves swift
destruction.

² And many will follow their destructive
ways, because of whom the way of truth
will be blasphemed.

³ By covetousness they will exploit you
with deceptive words; for a long time
their judgment has not been idle, and
their destruction does not slumber.

⁴ For if God did not spare the angels who
sinned, but cast them down to hell and
delivered them into chains of darkness,
to be reserved for judgment;

⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but
saved Noah, one of eight people, a
preacher of righteousness, bringing in
the flood on the world of the ungodly;

⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and
Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them
to destruction, making them an example
to those who afterward would live
ungodly;

⁷ and delivered righteous Lot, who was
oppressed by the filthy conduct of the
wicked

'(for that righteous man, dwelling among
them, tormented his righteous soul from
day to day by seeing and hearing their
lawless deeds)--

⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the
godly out of temptations and to reserve
the unjust under punishment for the day
of judgment,

¹⁰ and especially those who walk
according to the flesh in the lust of
uncleanness and despise authority.
They are presumptuous, self-willed.
They are not afraid to speak evil of
dignitaries,

¹¹ whereas angels, who are greater in
power and might, do not bring a reviling
accusation against them before the Lord.

¹² But these, like natural brute beasts
made to be caught and destroyed,
speak evil of the things they do not
understand, and will utterly perish in
their own corruption,

^h and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you,

¹⁴having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.

¹⁵They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

¹⁶but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

¹⁷These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

¹⁸For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

¹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

²⁰For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them

and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

²¹For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

²²But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

3Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder),

²that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,

³knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

⁴and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

⁵For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

⁶by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

⁷But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word,

are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

⁸But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

'The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

¹³Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

¹⁵and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

¹⁶as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

¹⁸but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.



The Teacher

¹ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

² "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

³ What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun?

⁴ One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever.

⁵ The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose.

⁶ The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit.

⁷ All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again.

⁸ All things are full of labor; Man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing.

'That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.

¹⁰ Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us.

¹¹ There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after.

¹²), the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

¹³ And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised.

^{14a} I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered.

¹⁶ I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge."

¹⁷ And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind.

¹⁸ For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

21 said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure"; but surely, this also was vanity.

²₁ said of laughter--"Madness!"; and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"

¹ I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

⁴₁ made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards.

⁵₁ made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.

⁶₁ made myself water pools from which to water the growing trees of the grove.

⁷₁ acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me.

⁸₁ also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, and musical instruments of all kinds.

'So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

¹⁰Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor.

¹¹Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

¹²Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what can the man do who succeeds the king?-- Only what he has already done.

¹³Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As light excels darkness.

¹⁴The wise man's eyes are in his head, But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all.

¹⁵So I said in my heart, "As it happens to the fool, It also happens to me, And why was I then more wise?" Then I said in my heart, "This also is vanity."

¹⁶For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool!

¹⁷Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

¹⁸Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I

must leave it to the man who will come after me.

¹⁹And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity.

²⁰Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun.

²¹For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

²²For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun?

²³For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.

²⁵For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?

²⁶For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

³To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

²A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;

^EA time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

⁴A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;

⁵A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;

⁷A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;

⁸A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

⁹What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?

^{10a} have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied.

¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

¹² know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives,

^h and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor--it is the gift of God.

¹⁴ know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him.

¹⁵ That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been; And God requires an account of what is past.

¹⁶ Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of judgment, Wickedness was there; And in the place of righteousness, Iniquity was there.

¹⁷ said in my heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

¹ I said in my heart, "Concerning the condition of the sons of men, God tests them, that they may see that they themselves are like animals."

¹ For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity.

²⁰ All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust.

²¹ Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?

²² So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

⁴ Then I returned and considered all the oppression that is done under the sun: And look! The tears of the oppressed, But they have no comforter-- On the side of their oppressors there is power, But they have no comforter.

² Therefore I praised the dead who were already dead, More than the living who are still alive.

³ Yet, better than both is he who has never existed, Who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

⁴ Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

⁵ The fool folds his hands And consumes his own flesh.

⁶ Better a handful with quietness Than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind.

⁷ Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun:

⁸There is one alone, without companion:
He has neither son nor brother. Yet
there is no end to all his labors, Nor is
his eye satisfied with riches. But he
never asks, "For whom do I toil and
deprive myself of good?" This also is
vanity and a grave misfortune.

'Two are better than one, Because they
have a good reward for their labor.

¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his
companion. But woe to him who is alone
when he falls, For he has no one to help
him up.

¹¹Again, if two lie down together, they
will keep warm; But how can one be
warm alone?

¹²Though one may be overpowered by
another, two can withstand him. And a
threefold cord is not quickly broken.

¹³Better a poor and wise youth Than an
old and foolish king who will be
admonished no more.

¹⁴For he comes out of prison to be king,
Although he was born poor in his
kingdom.

^{15a}saw all the living who walk under the
sun; They were with the second youth
who stands in his place.

¹⁶There was no end of all the people
over whom he was made king; Yet
those who come afterward will not
rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity
and grasping for the wind.

5Walk prudently when you go to the
house of God; and draw near to hear
rather than to give the sacrifice of fools,
for they do not know that they do evil.

²Do not be rash with your mouth, And let
not your heart utter anything hastily
before God. For God is in heaven, and
you on earth; Therefore let your words
be few.

³For a dream comes through much
activity, And a fool's voice is known by
his many words.

⁴When you make a vow to God, do not
delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure
in fools. Pay what you have vowed--

⁵Better not to vow than to vow and not
pay.

⁶Do not let your mouth cause your flesh
to sin, nor say before the messenger of
God that it was an error. Why should
God be angry at your excuse and
destroy the work of your hands?

⁷For in the multitude of dreams and
many words there is also vanity. But
fear God.

⁸If you see the oppression of the poor,
and the violent perversion of justice and
righteousness in a province, do not
marvel at the matter; for high official
watches over high official, and higher
officials are over them.

'Moreover the profit of the land is for all;
even the king is served from the field.

¹⁰He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.

¹¹When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see them with their eyes?

¹²The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, Whether he eats little or much; But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

¹³There is a severe evil which I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt.

¹⁴But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, there is nothing in his hand.

¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand.

¹⁶And this also is a severe evil-- Just exactly as he came, so shall he go. And what profit has he who has labored for the wind?

¹⁷All his days he also eats in darkness, And he has much sorrow and sickness and anger.

¹Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days

of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.

¹As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor--this is the gift of God.

²⁰For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart.

⁶There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

²A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a foreigner consumes it. This is vanity, and it is an evil affliction.

^EIf a man begets a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with goodness, or indeed he has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better than he--

⁴for it comes in vanity and departs in darkness, and its name is covered with darkness.

⁵Though it has not seen the sun or known anything, this has more rest than that man,

^Seven if he lives a thousand years twice--but has not seen goodness. Do not all go to one place?

⁷All the labor of man is for his mouth,
And yet the soul is not satisfied.

⁸For what more has the wise man than
the fool? What does the poor man have,
Who knows how to walk before the
living?

'Better is the sight of the eyes than the
wandering of desire. This also is vanity
and grasping for the wind.

¹⁰Whatever one is, he has been named
already, For it is known that he is man;
And he cannot contend with Him who is
mightier than he.

¹¹Since there are many things that
increase vanity, How is man the better?

¹²For who knows what is good for man
in life, all the days of his vain life which
he passes like a shadow? Who can tell
a man what will happen after him under
the sun?

7A good name is better than precious
ointment, And the day of death than the
day of one's birth;

²Better to go to the house of mourning
Than to go to the house of feasting, For
that is the end of all men; And the living
will take it to heart.

³Sorrow is better than laughter, For by a
sad countenance the heart is made
better.

⁴The heart of the wise is in the house of
mourning, But the heart of fools is in the
house of mirth.

⁵It is better to hear the rebuke of the
wise Than for a man to hear the song of
fools.

⁶For like the crackling of thorns under a
pot, So is the laughter of the fool. This
also is vanity.

⁷Surely oppression destroys a wise
man's reason, And a bribe debases the
heart.

⁸The end of a thing is better than its
beginning; The patient in spirit is better
than the proud in spirit.

'Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

¹⁰Do not say, "Why were the former
days better than these?" For you do not
inquire wisely concerning this.

¹¹Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
And profitable to those who see the sun.

¹²For wisdom is a defense as money is
a defense, But the excellence of
knowledge is that wisdom gives life to
those who have it.

¹³Consider the work of God; For who
can make straight what He has made
crooked?

¹⁴In the day of prosperity be joyful, But
in the day of adversity consider: Surely
God has appointed the one as well as
the other, So that man can find out
nothing that will come after him.

^{15a}I have seen everything in my days of
vanity: There is a just man who perishes

in his righteousness, And there is a wicked man who prolongs life in his wickedness.

¹⁶Do not be overly righteous, Nor be overly wise: Why should you destroy yourself?

¹⁷Do not be overly wicked, Nor be foolish: Why should you die before your time?

¹⁸I is good that you grasp this, And also not remove your hand from the other; For he who fears God will escape them all.

¹⁹Wisdom strengthens the wise More than ten rulers of the city.

²⁰For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.

²¹Also do not take to heart everything people say, Lest you hear your servant cursing you.

²²For many times, also, your own heart has known That even you have cursed others.

²³All this I have proved by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise"; But it was far from me.

²⁴As for that which is far off and exceedingly deep, Who can find it out?

²⁵I applied my heart to know, To search and seek out wisdom and the reason of things, To know the wickedness of folly, Even of foolishness and madness.

²⁶And I find more bitter than death The woman whose heart is snares and nets, Whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God shall escape from her, But the sinner shall be trapped by her.

²⁷Here is what I have found," says the Preacher, "Adding one thing to the other to find out the reason,

²⁸Which my soul still seeks but I cannot find: One man among a thousand I have found, But a woman among all these I have not found.

²⁹Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."

³⁰Who is like a wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, And the sternness of his face is changed.

³¹I say, "Keep the king's commandment for the sake of your oath to God.

³²Do not be hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand for an evil thing, for he does whatever pleases him."

³³Where the word of a king is, there is power; And who may say to him, "What are you doing?"

³⁴He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment,

⁶Because for every matter there is a time and judgment, Though the misery of man increases greatly.

⁷For he does not know what will happen; So who can tell him when it will occur?

⁸No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. There is no release from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.

'All this I have seen, and applied my heart to every work that is done under the sun: There is a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt.

¹⁰Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This also is vanity.

¹¹Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

¹²Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.

¹³But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.

¹⁴There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked men to

whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

¹⁵So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor all the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.

¹⁶When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night,

¹⁷then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it.

⁹ For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of God. People know neither love nor hatred by anything they see before them.

²All things come alike to all: One event happens to the righteous and the wicked; To the good, the clean, and the unclean; To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As is the good, so is the sinner; He who takes an oath as he who fears an oath.

³This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are

full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

⁴But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

⁵For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.

⁶Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

⁷Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works.

⁸Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

'Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

^{11a} returned and saw under the sun that-
- The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all.

¹²For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men are snared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them.

¹³This wisdom I have also seen under the sun, and it seemed great to me:

¹⁴There was a little city with few men in it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great snares around it.

¹⁵Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man.

¹⁶Then I said: "Wisdom is better than strength. Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, And his words are not heard.

¹⁷Words of the wise, spoken quietly, should be heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.

¹⁸wisdom is better than weapons of war; But one sinner destroys much good."

1 ODead flies putrefy the perfumer's ointment, And cause it to give off a foul odor; So does a little folly to one respected for wisdom and honor.

²A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.

³Even when a fool walks along the way, He lacks wisdom, And he shows everyone that he is a fool.

⁴If the spirit of the ruler rises against you,
Do not leave your post; For conciliation
pacifies great offenses.

⁵There is an evil I have seen under the
sun, As an error proceeding from the
ruler:

⁶Folly is set in great dignity, While the
rich sit in a lowly place.

⁷I have seen servants on horses, While
princes walk on the ground like servants.

⁸He who digs a pit will fall into it, And
whoever breaks through a wall will be
bitten by a serpent.

⁹He who quarries stones may be hurt by
them, And he who splits wood may be
endangered by it.

¹⁰If the ax is dull, And one does not
sharpen the edge, Then he must use
more strength; But wisdom brings
success.

¹¹A serpent may bite when it is not
charmed; The babbler is no different.

¹²The words of a wise man's mouth are
gracious, But the lips of a fool shall
swallow him up;

¹³The words of his mouth begin with
foolishness, And the end of his talk is
raving madness.

¹⁴A fool also multiplies words. No man
knows what is to be; Who can tell him
what will be after him?

¹⁵The labor of fools wearies them, For
they do not even know how to go to the
city!

¹⁶Woe to you, O land, when your king is
a child, And your princes feast in the
morning!

¹⁷Blessed are you, O land, when your
king is the son of nobles, And your
princes feast at the proper time-- For
strength and not for drunkenness!

¹⁸Because of laziness the building
decays, And through idleness of hands
the house leaks.

¹⁹A feast is made for laughter, And wine
makes merry; But money answers
everything.

²⁰Do not curse the king, even in your
thought; Do not curse the rich, even in
your bedroom; For a bird of the air may
carry your voice, And a bird in flight may
tell the matter.

1 1 Cast your bread upon the waters,
For you will find it after many days.

²Give a serving to seven, and also to
eight, For you do not know what evil will
be on the earth.

³If the clouds are full of rain, They empty
themselves upon the earth; And if a tree
falls to the south or the north, In the
place where the tree falls, there it shall
lie.

⁴He who observes the wind will not sow,
And he who regards the clouds will not
reap.

⁵As you do not know what is the way of
the wind, Or how the bones grow in the
womb of her who is with child, So you
do not know the works of God who
makes everything.

⁶In the morning sow your seed, And in
the evening do not withhold your hand;
For you do not know which will prosper,
Either this or that, Or whether both alike
will be good.

⁷Truly the light is sweet, And it is
pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun;

⁸But if a man lives many years And
rejoices in them all, Yet let him
remember the days of darkness, For
they will be many. All that is coming is
vanity.

'Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days
of your youth; Walk in the ways of your
heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But
know that for all these God will bring you
into judgment.

¹⁰Therefore remove sorrow from your
heart, And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth are vanity.

1 ²Remember now your Creator in
the days of your youth, Before the
difficult days come, And the years draw
near when you say, "I have no pleasure
in them":

²While the sun and the light, The moon
and the stars, Are not darkened, And
the clouds do not return after the rain;

³In the day when the keepers of the
house tremble, And the strong men bow
down; When the grinders cease
because they are few, And those that
look through the windows grow dim;

⁴When the doors are shut in the streets,
And the sound of grinding is low; When
one rises up at the sound of a bird, And
all the daughters of music are brought
low.

⁵Also they are afraid of height, And of
terrors in the way; When the almond
tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a
burden, And desire fails. For man goes
to his eternal home, And the mourners
go about the streets.

⁶Remember your Creator before the
silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl
is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the
fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well.

⁷Then the dust will return to the earth as
it was, And the spirit will return to God
who gave it.

⁸ "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"All is vanity."

'And moreover, because the Preacher
was wise, he still taught the people
knowledge; yes, he pondered and
sought out and set in order many
proverbs.

¹⁰The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright--words of truth.

¹¹The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

¹²And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there

is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.

¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

¹⁴For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

Proverbs of King Solomon

¹ The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

²To know wisdom and instruction, To perceive the words of understanding,

³To receive the instruction of wisdom, Justice, judgment, and equity;

⁴To give prudence to the simple, To the young man knowledge and discretion--

⁵A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,

⁶To understand a proverb and an enigma, The words of the wise and their riddles.

⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

⁸My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

'For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

¹⁰My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

¹¹ they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly for the innocent without cause;

¹²Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, And whole, like those who go down to the Pit;

¹³We shall find all kinds of precious possessions, We shall fill our houses with spoil;

¹⁴Cast in your lot among us, Let us all have one purse"--

¹⁵My son, do not walk in the way with them, Keep your foot from their path;

¹⁶For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.

¹⁷Surely, in vain the net is spread In the sight of any bird;

¹⁸But they lie in wait for their own blood, They lurk secretly for their own lives.

¹⁹ So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.

²⁰Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.

²¹She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:

²² How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorers delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

²³Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour
out my spirit on you; I will make my
words known to you.

²⁴Because I have called and you refused,
I have stretched out my hand and no
one regarded,

²⁵Because you disdained all my counsel,
And would have none of my rebuke,

^{26a} also will laugh at your calamity; I will
mock when your terror comes,

²⁷When your terror comes like a storm,
And your destruction comes like a
whirlwind, When distress and anguish
come upon you.

²⁸Then they will call on me, but I will not
answer; They will seek me diligently, but
they will not find me.

²⁹ Because they hated knowledge And
did not choose the fear of the LORD,

³⁰They would have none of my counsel
And despised my every rebuke.

³¹Therefore they shall eat the fruit of
their own way, And be filled to the full
with their own fancies.

³²For the turning away of the simple will
slay them, And the complacency of fools
will destroy them;

³³But whoever listens to me will dwell
safely, And will be secure, without fear
of evil."

²My son, if you receive my words, And
treasure my commands within you,

²So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;

³Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And
lift up your voice for understanding,

⁴If you seek her as silver, And search for
her as for hidden treasures;

⁵Then you will understand the fear of the
LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

⁶For the LORD gives wisdom; From His
mouth come knowledge and
understanding;

⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the
upright; He is a shield to those who walk
uprightly;

⁸He guards the paths of justice, And
preserves the way of His saints.

⁹Then you will understand righteousness
and justice, Equity and every good path.

¹⁰When wisdom enters your heart, And
knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

¹¹Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you,

¹²To deliver you from the way of evil,
From the man who speaks perverse
things,

¹³From those who leave the paths of
uprightness To walk in the ways of
darkness;

¹⁴Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight
in the perversity of the wicked;

¹⁵Whose ways are crooked, And who
are devious in their paths;

¹⁶To deliver you from the immoral
woman, From the seductress who
flatters with her words,

¹⁷Who forsakes the companion of her
youth, And forgets the covenant of her
God.

¹⁸For her house leads down to death,
And her paths to the dead;

¹⁹None who go to her return, Nor do
they regain the paths of life--

²⁰So you may walk in the way of
goodness, And keep to the paths of
righteousness.

²¹For the upright will dwell in the land,
And the blameless will remain in it;

²²But the wicked will be cut off from the
earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted
from it.

³My son, do not forget my law, But let
your heart keep my commands;

²For length of days and long life And
peace they will add to you.

³Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck, Write them
on the tablet of your heart,

⁴And so find favor and high esteem In
the sight of God and man.

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own
understanding;

⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, And
He shall direct your paths.

⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear
the LORD and depart from evil.

⁸It will be health to your flesh, And
strength to your bones.

⁹Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your
increase;

¹⁰So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new
wine.

¹¹My son, do not despise the chastening
of the LORD, Nor detest His correction;

¹²For whom the LORD loves He corrects,
Just as a father the son in whom he
delights.

¹³Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding;

¹⁴For her proceeds are better than the
profits of silver, And her gain than fine
gold.

¹⁵She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

¹⁶Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor.

¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.

¹ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.

¹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens;

²⁰By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.

²¹My son, let them not depart from your eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and discretion;

²²So they will be life to your soul And grace to your neck.

²³Then you will walk safely in your way, And your foot will not stumble.

²⁴When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.

²⁵Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;

²⁶For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

²⁷Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.

²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.

²¹ Do not devise evil against your neighbor, For he dwells by you for safety's sake.

³⁰Do not strive with a man without cause, If he has done you no harm.

³¹Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways;

³²For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

³³The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just.

³⁴Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.

³⁵The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

⁴Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding;

²For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law.

³When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,

⁴He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live.

⁵Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

⁶Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.

⁷Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

⁸Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you."

¹⁰Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many.

¹¹I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

¹²When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble.

¹³Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.

¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil.

¹⁵Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

¹⁶For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; And their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall.

¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

¹⁹The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.

²⁰My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

²¹Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

²²For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

²³Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

²⁴Put away from you a deceitful mouth, And put perverse lips far from you.

²⁵Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you.

²⁶Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.

²⁷Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

5My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding,

2That you may preserve discretion, And
your lips may keep knowledge.

3For the lips of an immoral woman drip
honey, And her mouth is smoother than
oil;

4But in the end she is bitter as
wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged
sword.

5Her feet go down to death, Her steps
lay hold of hell.

6Lest you ponder her path of life-- Her
ways are unstable; You do not know
them.

7Therefore hear me now, my children,
And do not depart from the words of my
mouth.

8Remove your way far from her, And do
not go near the door of her house,

'Lest you give your honor to others, And
your years to the cruel one;

10Lest aliens be filled with your wealth,
And your labors go to the house of a
foreigner;

11And you mourn at last, When your
flesh and your body are consumed,

12And say: "How I have hated instruction,
And my heart despised correction!

13 have not obeyed the voice of my
teachers, Nor inclined my ear to those
who instructed me!

14a was on the verge of total ruin, In the
midst of the assembly and
congregation."

15Drink water from your own cistern, And
running water from your own well.

16Should your fountains be dispersed
abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

17Let them be only your own, And not for
strangers with you.

18Let your fountain be blessed, And
rejoice with the wife of your youth.

1' As a loving deer and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
And always be enraptured with her love.

20For why should you, my son, be
enraptured by an immoral woman, And
be embraced in the arms of a
seductress?

21For the ways of man are before the
eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all
his paths.

22His own iniquities entrap the wicked
man, And he is caught in the cords of
his sin.

23He shall die for lack of instruction, And
in the greatness of his folly he shall go
astray.

6My son, if you become surety for your friend, If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger,

²You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.

³So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend.

⁴Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids.

⁵Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.

⁶Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise,

⁷Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler,

⁸Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.

'How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep?

¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep--

¹¹So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

¹²A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth;

¹³He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers;

¹⁴Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord.

¹⁵Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

¹⁶These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

¹⁷A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

¹A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

²⁰My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.

²¹Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.

²²When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you.

²³For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life,

²⁴To keep you from the evil woman, From the flattering tongue of a seductress.

²⁵Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.

²⁶For by means of a harlot A man is reduced to a crust of bread; And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life.

²⁷Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?

²⁸Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?

²⁹So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent.

³⁰People do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

³¹Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

³²Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.

³³Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away.

³⁴For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

³⁵He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.

⁷My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you.

²Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.

³Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," And call understanding your nearest kin,

⁵That they may keep you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words.

⁶For at the window of my house I looked through my lattice,

⁷And saw among the simple, I perceived among the youths, A young man devoid of understanding,

⁸Passing along the street near her corner; And he took the path to her house

⁹In the twilight, in the evening, In the black and dark night.

¹⁰And there a woman met him, With the attire of a harlot, and a crafty heart.

¹¹She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.

¹²At times she was outside, at times in the open square, Lurking at every corner.

¹³ So she caught him and kissed him;
With an impudent face she said to him:

^{14a} have peace offerings with me; Today
I have paid my vows.

¹⁵ So I came out to meet you, Diligently
to seek your face, And I have found you.

¹⁶ have spread my bed with tapestry,
Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.

¹⁷ have perfumed my bed With myrrh,
aloes, and cinnamon.

¹⁸ Come, let us take our fill of love until
morning; Let us delight ourselves with
love.

¹ For my husband is not at home; He
has gone on a long journey;

²⁰ He has taken a bag of money with him,
And will come home on the appointed
day."

²¹ With her enticing speech she caused
him to yield, With her flattering lips she
seduced him.

²² Immediately he went after her, as an
ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to
the correction of the stocks,

²³ Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird
hastens to the snare, He did not know it
would cost his life.

²⁴ Now therefore, listen to me, my
children; Pay attention to the words of
my mouth:

²⁵ Do not let your heart turn aside to her
ways, Do not stray into her paths;

²⁶ For she has cast down many wounded,
And all who were slain by her were
strong men.

²⁷ Her house is the way to hell,
Descending to the chambers of death.

⁸ Does not wisdom cry out, And
understanding lift up her voice?

² She takes her stand on the top of the
high hill, Beside the way, where the
paths meet.

³ She cries out by the gates, at the entry
of the city, At the entrance of the doors:

⁴ To you, O men, I call, And my voice is
to the sons of men.

⁵ O you simple ones, understand
prudence, And you fools, be of an
understanding heart.

⁶ Listen, for I will speak of excellent
things, And from the opening of my lips
will come right things;

⁷ For my mouth will speak truth;
Wickedness is an abomination to my
lips.

⁸ All the words of my mouth are with
righteousness; Nothing crooked or
perverse is in them.

'They are all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge.

¹⁰Receive my instruction, and not silver,
And knowledge rather than choice gold;

¹¹For wisdom is better than rubies, And
all the things one may desire cannot be
compared with her.

^{12a} wisdom, dwell with prudence, And
find out knowledge and discretion.

¹³The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverse mouth I hate.

¹⁴Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I
am understanding, I have strength.

¹⁵By me kings reign, And rulers decree
justice.

¹⁶By me princes rule, and nobles, All the
judges of the earth.

^{17a} love those who love me, And those
who seek me diligently will find me.

¹⁸Riches and honor are with me,
Enduring riches and righteousness.

¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, yes, than
fine gold, And my revenue than choice
silver.

^{20a} traverse the way of righteousness, In
the midst of the paths of justice,

²¹That I may cause those who love me
to inherit wealth, That I may fill their
treasuries.

²²The LORD possessed me at the
beginning of His way, Before His works
of old.

²³ have been established from
everlasting, From the beginning, before
there was ever an earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was
brought forth, When there were no
fountains abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills, I was brought forth;

²⁶While as yet He had not made the
earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of
the world.

²⁷When He prepared the heavens, I was
there, When He drew a circle on the
face of the deep,

²⁸When He established the clouds
above, When He strengthened the
fountains of the deep,

²⁹ When He assigned to the sea its limit,
So that the waters would not transgress
His command, When He marked out the
foundations of the earth,

³⁰Then I was beside Him as a master
craftsman; And I was daily His delight,
Rejoicing always before Him,

³¹Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And
my delight was with the sons of men.

³² Now therefore, listen to me, my children,
For blessed are those who keep my ways.

³³ Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it.

³⁴ Blessed is the man who listens to me,
Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.

³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD;

³⁶ But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul;
All those who hate me love death."

⁹ Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;

² She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine,
She has also furnished her table.

³ She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city,

⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

⁵ "Come, eat of my bread And drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶ Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding.

⁷ He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself,
And he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself.

⁸ Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you;
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

¹¹ For by me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.

¹² "You are wise, you are wise for yourself,
And if you scoff, you will bear it alone."

^U A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing.

¹⁴ For she sits at the door of her house,
On a seat by the highest places of the city,

¹⁵ To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way:

¹⁶ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here";
And as for him who lacks understanding, she says to him,

¹⁷ "Stolen water is sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there,
That her guests are in the depths of hell.

1 0 The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

²Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

³The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

⁴He who has a slack hand becomes poor, But the hand of the diligent makes rich.

⁵He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

⁶Blessings are on the head of the righteous, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

⁷The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.

⁸The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

⁹He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known.

¹⁰He who winks with the eye causes trouble, But a prating fool will fall.

¹¹The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, But violence covers the mouth of the wicked.

¹²Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

¹³Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding, But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.

¹⁴Wise people store up knowledge, But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

¹⁵The rich man's wealth is his strong city; The destruction of the poor is their poverty.

¹⁶The labor of the righteous leads to life, The wages of the wicked to sin.

¹⁷He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.

¹⁸Whoever hides hatred has lying lips, And whoever spreads slander is a fool.

¹⁹In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

²⁰The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

²¹The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom.

²²The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

²³To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a man of understanding has wisdom.

²⁴The fear of the wicked will come upon him, And the desire of the righteous will be granted.

²⁵When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

²⁶As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.

²⁷The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

²⁸The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish.

²⁹The way of the LORD is strength for the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.

³⁰The righteous will never be removed, But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

³¹The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out.

³²The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.

1 1 Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

²When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.

³The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

⁴Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

⁵The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright, But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness.

⁶The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust.

⁷When a wicked man dies, his expectation will perish, And the hope of the unjust perishes.

⁸The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.

⁹The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices; And when the wicked perish, there is jubilation.

¹¹By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

¹²He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.

^U A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

¹⁴Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.

¹⁵He who is surety for a stranger will suffer, But one who hates being surety is secure.

¹⁶A gracious woman retains honor, But ruthless men retain riches.

¹⁷The merciful man does good for his own soul, But he who is cruel troubles his own flesh.

¹⁸The wicked man does deceptive work, But he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.

¹⁹As righteousness leads to life, So he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.

²⁰Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.

²¹Though they join forces, the wicked will not go unpunished; But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.

²²As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

²³The desire of the righteous is only good, But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

²⁴There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.

²⁵The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

²⁶The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.

²⁷He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

²⁸He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

²⁹He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.

³⁰The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.

³¹) the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner.

1 ²Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid.

²A good man obtains favor from the LORD, But a man of wicked intentions He will condemn.

^EA man is not established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.

⁴An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.

⁵The thoughts of the righteous are right,
But the counsels of the wicked are
deceitful.

⁶The words of the wicked are, "Lie in
wait for blood," But the mouth of the
upright will deliver them.

⁷The wicked are overthrown and are no
more, But the house of the righteous will
stand.

⁸A man will be commended according to
his wisdom, But he who is of a perverse
heart will be despised.

'Better is the one who is slighted but
has a servant, Than he who honors
himself but lacks bread.

¹⁰A righteous man regards the life of his
animal, But the tender mercies of the
wicked are cruel.

¹¹He who tills his land will be satisfied
with bread, But he who follows frivolity is
devoid of understanding.

¹²The wicked covet the catch of evil men,
But the root of the righteous yields fruit.

¹³The wicked is ensnared by the
transgression of his lips, But the
righteous will come through trouble.

¹⁴A man will be satisfied with good by
the fruit of his mouth, And the
recompense of a man's hands will be
rendered to him.

¹⁵The way of a fool is right in his own
eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

¹⁶A fool's wrath is known at once, But a
prudent man covers shame.

¹⁷He who speaks truth declares
righteousness, But a false witness,
deceit.

¹⁸There is one who speaks like the
piercings of a sword, But the tongue of
the wise promotes health.

¹⁹The truthful lip shall be established
forever, But a lying tongue is but for a
moment.

²⁰Deceit is in the heart of those who
devise evil, But counselors of peace
have joy.

²¹No grave trouble will overtake the
righteous, But the wicked shall be filled
with evil.

²²Lying lips are an abomination to the
LORD, But those who deal truthfully are
His delight.

²³A prudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims
foolishness.

²⁴The hand of the diligent will rule, But
the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

²⁵Anxiety in the heart of man causes
depression, But a good word makes it
glad.

²⁶The righteous should choose his
friends carefully, For the way of the
wicked leads them astray.

²⁷The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.

²¹In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death.

¹EA wise son heeds his father's instruction, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

²A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth, But the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence.

³He who guards his mouth preserves his life, But he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

⁴The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

⁵A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.

⁶Righteousness guards him whose way is blameless, But wickedness overthrows the sinner.

⁷There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

⁸The ransom of a man's life is his riches, But the poor does not hear rebuke.

The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

¹⁰By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.

¹¹Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

¹²Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

¹³He who despises the word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.

¹⁴The law of the wise is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

¹⁵Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard.

¹⁶Every prudent man acts with knowledge, But a fool lays open his folly.

¹⁷A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings health.

¹¹ Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, But he who regards a rebuke will be honored.

¹¹ A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul, But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.

²⁰He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

²¹Evil pursues sinners, But to the righteous, good shall be repaid.

²²A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

²³Much food is in the fallow ground of the poor, And for lack of justice there is waste.

²⁴He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

²⁵The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, But the stomach of the wicked shall be in want.

1 ⁴The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

²He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD, But he who is perverse in his ways despises Him.

³In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise will preserve them.

⁴Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.

⁵A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies.

⁶A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands.

⁷Go from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.

⁸The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit.

⁹Fools mock at sin, But among the upright there is favor.

¹⁰The heart knows its own bitterness, And a stranger does not share its joy.

¹¹The house of the wicked will be overthrown, But the tent of the upright will flourish.

¹²There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

¹³Even in laughter the heart may sorrow, And the end of mirth may be grief.

¹⁴The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied from above.

¹⁵The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.

¹⁶A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident.

¹⁷A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of wicked intentions is hated.

¹⁸The simple inherit folly, But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

¹⁹The evil will bow before the good, And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

²⁰The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends.

²¹He who despises his neighbor sins; But he who has mercy on the poor, happy is he.

²²Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth belong to those who devise good.

²³In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.

²⁴The crown of the wise is their riches, But the foolishness of fools is folly.

²⁵A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies.

²⁶In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.

²⁷The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

²⁸In a multitude of people is a king's honor, But in the lack of people is the downfall of a prince.

²⁹He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly.

³⁰A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.

³¹He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

³²The wicked is banished in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

³³Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But what is in the heart of fools is made known.

³⁴Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

³⁵The king's favor is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is against him who causes shame.

1 5A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

²The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

³The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

⁵A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.

⁶In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.

⁷The lips of the wise disperse knowledge, But the heart of the fool does not do so.

⁸The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.

¹⁰Harsh discipline is for him who forsakes the way, And he who hates correction will die.

¹¹Hell and Destruction are before the LORD; So how much more the hearts of the sons of men.

¹²A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise.

¹³A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

¹⁴The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

¹⁵All the days of the afflicted are evil, But he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast.

¹⁶Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure with trouble.

¹⁷Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, Than a fatted calf with hatred.

¹⁸A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

¹⁹The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright is a highway.

²⁰A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.

²¹Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment, But a man of understanding walks uprightly.

²²Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.

²³A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

²⁴The way of life winds upward for the wise, That he may turn away from hell below.

²⁵The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, But He will establish the boundary of the widow.

²⁶The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD, But the words of the pure are pleasant.

²⁷He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live.

²⁸The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

²⁹The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.

³⁰The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,
And a good report makes the bones
healthy.

³¹The ear that hears the rebukes of life
Will abide among the wise.

³²He who disdains instruction despises
his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke
gets understanding.

³³The fear of the LORD is the instruction
of wisdom, And before honor is humility.

1 ⁶The preparations of the heart
belong to man, But the answer of the
tongue is from the LORD.

²All the ways of a man are pure in his
own eyes, But the LORD weighs the
spirits.

³Commit your works to the LORD, And
your thoughts will be established.

⁴The LORD has made all for Himself,
Yes, even the wicked for the day of
doom.

⁵Everyone proud in heart is an
abomination to the LORD; Though they
join forces, none will go unpunished.

⁶In mercy and truth Atonement is
provided for iniquity; And by the fear of
the LORD one departs from evil.

⁷When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at
peace with him.

⁸Better is a little with righteousness,
Than vast revenues without justice.

⁹A man's heart plans his way, But the
LORD directs his steps.

¹⁰Divination is on the lips of the king; His
mouth must not transgress in judgment.

¹¹Honest weights and scales are the
LORD's; All the weights in the bag are
His work.

¹²It is an abomination for kings to
commit wickedness, For a throne is
established by righteousness.

¹³Righteous lips are the delight of kings,
And they love him who speaks what is
right.

¹⁴As messengers of death is the king's
wrath, But a wise man will appease it.

¹⁵In the light of the king's face is life, And
his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.

¹⁶How much better to get wisdom than
gold! And to get understanding is to be
chosen rather than silver.

¹⁷The highway of the upright is to depart
from evil; He who keeps his way
preserves his soul.

¹⁸Pride goes before destruction, And a
haughty spirit before a fall.

¹⁹Better to be of a humble spirit with the
lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the
proud.

²⁰He who heeds the word wisely will find good, And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he.

²¹The wise in heart will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning.

²²Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools is folly.

²³The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.

²⁴Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

²⁵There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.

²⁶The person who labors, labors for himself, For his hungry mouth drives him on.

²⁷An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is on his lips like a burning fire.

²⁸A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.

²⁹A violent man entices his neighbor, And leads him in a way that is not good.

³⁰He winks his eye to devise perverse things; He purses his lips and brings about evil.

³¹The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.

³²He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

³³The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision is from the LORD.

17 Better is a dry morsel with quietness, Than a house full of feasting with strife.

²A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame, And will share an inheritance among the brothers.

³The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts.

⁴An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

⁵He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.

⁶Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

⁷Excellent speech is not becoming to a fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.

⁸A present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor; Wherever he turns, he prospers.

⁹He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.

¹⁰ Rebuke is more effective for a wise man
Than a hundred blows on a fool.

¹¹ An evil man seeks only rebellion;
Therefore a cruel messenger will be
sent against him.

¹² Let a man meet a bear robbed of her
cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly.

¹³ Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil
will not depart from his house.

¹⁴ The beginning of strife is like releasing
water; Therefore stop contention before
a quarrel starts.

¹⁵ He who justifies the wicked, and he
who condemns the just, Both of them
alike are an abomination to the LORD.

¹⁶ Why is there in the hand of a fool the
purchase price of wisdom, Since he has
no heart for it?

¹⁷ A friend loves at all times, And a
brother is born for adversity.

¹⁸ A man devoid of understanding
shakes hands in a pledge, And
becomes surety for his friend.

¹⁹ He who loves transgression loves
strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks
destruction.

²⁰ He who has a deceitful heart finds no
good, And he who has a perverse
tongue falls into evil.

²¹ He who begets a scoffer does so to his
sorrow, And the father of a fool has no
joy.

²² A merry heart does good, like
medicine, But a broken spirit dries the
bones.

²³ A wicked man accepts a bribe behind
the back To pervert the ways of justice.

²⁴ Wisdom is in the sight of him who has
understanding, But the eyes of a fool
are on the ends of the earth.

²⁵ A foolish son is a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her who bore him.

²⁶ Also, to punish the righteous is not
good, Nor to strike princes for their
uprightness.

²⁷ He who has knowledge spares his
words, And a man of understanding is of
a calm spirit.

²⁸ Even a fool is counted wise when he
holds his peace; When he shuts his lips,
he is considered perceptive.

1 ⁸ A man who isolates himself seeks
his own desire; He rages against all
wise judgment.

² A fool has no delight in understanding,
But in expressing his own heart.

³ When the wicked comes, contempt
comes also; And with dishonor comes
reproach.

⁴ The words of a man's mouth are deep
waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a
flowing brook.

⁵It is not good to show partiality to the wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in judgment.

⁶A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calls for blows.

⁷A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.

⁸The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

'He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

¹⁰The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

¹¹The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own esteem.

¹²Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.

¹³He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.

¹⁴The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, But who can bear a broken spirit?

¹⁵The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

¹⁶A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.

¹⁷The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

¹⁸Casting lots causes contentions to cease, And keeps the mighty apart.

¹⁹A brother offended is harder to win than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a castle.

²⁰A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled.

²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

²²He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD.

²³The poor man uses entreaties, But the rich answers roughly.

²⁴A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

1 ⁹Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one who is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

²Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet.

³The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the LORD.

⁴Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.

⁵A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies will not escape.

⁶Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man is a friend to one who gives gifts.

⁷All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet they abandon him.

⁸He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.

⁹A false witness will not go unpunished, And he who speaks lies shall perish.

¹⁰Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much less for a servant to rule over princes.

¹¹The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory is to overlook a transgression.

¹²The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion, But his favor is like dew on the grass.

¹³A foolish son is the ruin of his father, And the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.

¹⁴Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

¹⁵Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.

¹⁶He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die.

¹⁷He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.

¹⁸Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.

¹⁹A man of great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

²⁰Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.

²¹There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel--that will stand.

²²What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.

²³The fear of the LORD leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.

²⁴A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

²⁵Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, and he will discern knowledge.

²⁶He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

²⁷Cease listening to instruction, my son,
And you will stray from the words of
knowledge.

²⁸A disreputable witness scorns justice,
And the mouth of the wicked devours
iniquity.

²⁹Judgments are prepared for scoffers,
And beatings for the backs of fools.

2 Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is
a brawler, And whoever is led astray by
it is not wise.

²The wrath of a king is like the roaring of
a lion; Whoever provokes him to anger
sins against his own life.

^AIt is honorable for a man to stop striving,
Since any fool can start a quarrel.

⁴The lazy man will not plow because of
winter; He will beg during harvest and
have nothing.

⁵Counsel in the heart of man is like deep
water, But a man of understanding will
draw it out.

⁶Most men will proclaim each his own
goodness, But who can find a faithful
man?

⁷The righteous man walks in his
integrity; His children are blessed after
him.

⁸A king who sits on the throne of
judgment Scatters all evil with his eyes.

⁹Who can say, "I have made my heart
clean, I am pure from my sin"?

¹⁰Diverse weights and diverse measures,
They are both alike, an abomination to
the LORD.

¹¹Even a child is known by his deeds,
Whether what he does is pure and right.

¹²The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made them both.

¹³Do not love sleep, lest you come to
poverty; Open your eyes, and you will
be satisfied with bread.

^{14a} "It is good for nothing," cries the buyer;
But when he has gone his way, then he
boasts.

¹⁵There is gold and a multitude of rubies,
But the lips of knowledge are a precious
jewel.

¹⁶Take the garment of one who is surety
for a stranger, And hold it as a pledge
when it is for a seductress.

¹⁷Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a
man, But afterward his mouth will be
filled with gravel.

¹⁸Plans are established by counsel; By
wise counsel wage war.

¹ He who goes about as a talebearer
reveals secrets; Therefore do not
associate with one who flatters with his
lips.

²⁰Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

²¹An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning Will not be blessed at the end.

²²Do not say, "I will recompense evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

²³Diverse weights are an abomination to the LORD, And dishonest scales are not good.

²⁴A man's steps are of the LORD; How then can a man understand his own way?

²⁵It is a snare for a man to devote rashly something as holy, And afterward to reconsider his vows.

²⁶A wise king sifts out the wicked, And brings the threshing wheel over them.

²⁷The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

²⁸Mercy and truth preserve the king, And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

²⁹The glory of young men is their strength, And the splendor of old men is their gray head.

³⁰Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, As do stripes the inner depths of the heart.

2 1 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

²Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.

³To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

⁴A haughty look, a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.

⁵The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

⁶Getting treasures by a lying tongue Is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death.

⁷The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice.

⁸The way of a guilty man is perverse; But as for the pure, his work is right.

⁹Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

¹⁰The soul of the wicked desires evil; His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

¹¹When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise; But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

¹²The righteous God wisely considers
the house of the wicked, Overthrowing
the wicked for their wickedness.

¹³Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of
the poor Will also cry himself and not be
heard.

¹⁴A gift in secret pacifies anger, And a
bribe behind the back, strong wrath.

¹⁵I is a joy for the just to do justice, But
destruction will come to the workers of
iniquity.

¹⁶A man who wanders from the way of
understanding Will rest in the assembly
of the dead.

¹⁷He who loves pleasure will be a poor
man; He who loves wine and oil will not
be rich.

¹⁸The wicked shall be a ransom for the
righteous, And the unfaithful for the
upright.

¹⁹Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than
with a contentious and angry woman.

²⁰There is desirable treasure, And oil in
the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish
man squanders it.

²¹He who follows righteousness and
mercy Finds life, righteousness and
honor.

²²A wise man scales the city of the
mighty, And brings down the trusted
stronghold.

²³Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles.

²⁴A proud and haughty man--"Scoffer" is
his name; He acts with arrogant pride.

²⁵The desire of the lazy man kills him,
For his hands refuse to labor.

²⁶He covets greedily all day long, But
the righteous gives and does not spare.

²⁷The sacrifice of the wicked is an
abomination; How much more when he
brings it with wicked intent!

²⁸A false witness shall perish, But the
man who hears him will speak endlessly.

²⁹A wicked man hardens his face, But as
for the upright, he establishes his way.

³⁰There is no wisdom or understanding
Or counsel against the LORD.

³¹The horse is prepared for the day of
battle, But deliverance is of the LORD.

^{22A} a good name is to be chosen
rather than great riches, Loving favor
rather than silver and gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in
common, The LORD is the maker of
them all.

^EA prudent man foresees evil and hides
himself, But the simple pass on and are
punished.

⁴By humility and the fear of the LORD
Are riches and honor and life.

⁵Thorns and snares are in the way of the
perverse; He who guards his soul will be
far from them.

⁶Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart
from it.

⁷The rich rules over the poor, And the
borrower is servant to the lender.

⁸He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.

⁹He who has a generous eye will be
blessed, For he gives of his bread to the
poor.

¹⁰Cast out the scoffer, and contention
will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will
cease.

¹¹He who loves purity of heart And has
grace on his lips, The king will be his
friend.

¹²The eyes of the LORD preserve
knowledge, But He overthrows the
words of the faithless.

¹³The lazy man says, "There is a lion
outside! I shall be slain in the streets!"

¹⁴The mouth of an immoral woman is a
deep pit; He who is abhorred by the
LORD will fall there.

¹⁵Foolishness is bound up in the heart of
a child; The rod of correction will drive it
far from him.

¹⁶He who oppresses the poor to
increase his riches, And he who gives to
the rich, will surely come to poverty.

¹⁷Incline your ear and hear the words of
the wise, And apply your heart to my
knowledge;

¹⁸For it is a pleasant thing if you keep
them within you; Let them all be fixed
upon your lips,

¹⁹So that your trust may be in the LORD;
I have instructed you today, even you.

²⁰Have I not written to you excellent
things Of counsels and knowledge,

²¹That I may make you know the
certainty of the words of truth, That you
may answer words of truth To those
who send to you?

²²Do not rob the poor because he is
poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the
gate;

²³For the LORD will plead their cause,
And plunder the soul of those who
plunder them.

²⁴Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,

²⁵Lest you learn his ways And set a
snare for your soul.

²⁶Do not be one of those who shakes
hands in a pledge, One of those who is
surety for debts;

²⁷ you have nothing with which to pay,
Why should he take away your bed from
under you?

²⁸ Do not remove the ancient landmark
Which your fathers have set.

²⁹ Do you see a man who excels in his
work? He will stand before kings; He will
not stand before unknown men.

² 3 When you sit down to eat with a
ruler, Consider carefully what is before
you;

² And put a knife to your throat If you are
a man given to appetite.

³ Do not desire his delicacies, For they
are deceptive food.

⁴ Do not overwork to be rich; Because of
your own understanding, cease!

⁵ Will you set your eyes on that which is
not? For riches certainly make
themselves wings; They fly away like an
eagle toward heaven.

⁶ Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor
desire his delicacies;

⁷ For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.
"Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his
heart is not with you.

⁸ The morsel you have eaten, you will
vomit up, And waste your pleasant
words.

⁹ Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,
For he will despise the wisdom of your
words.

¹⁰ Do not remove the ancient landmark,
Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;

¹¹ For their Redeemer is mighty; He will
plead their cause against you.

¹² Apply your heart to instruction, And
your ears to words of knowledge.

¹³ Do not withhold correction from a child,
For if you beat him with a rod, he will not
die.

¹⁴ You shall beat him with a rod, And
deliver his soul from hell.

¹⁵ My son, if your heart is wise, My heart
will rejoice--indeed, I myself;

¹⁶ Yes, my inmost being will rejoice
When your lips speak right things.

¹⁷ Do not let your heart envy sinners, But
be zealous for the fear of the LORD all
the day;

¹⁸ For surely there is a hereafter, And
your hope will not be cut off.

¹⁹ Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide
your heart in the way.

²⁰ Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with
gluttonous eaters of meat;

²¹ For the drunkard and the glutton will
come to poverty, And drowsiness will
clothe a man with rags.

²²Listen to your father who begot you,
And do not despise your mother when
she is old.

²³Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also
wisdom and instruction and
understanding.

²⁴The father of the righteous will greatly
rejoice, And he who begets a wise child
will delight in him.

²⁵Let your father and your mother be
glad, And let her who bore you rejoice.

²⁶My son, give me your heart, And let
your eyes observe my ways.

²⁷For a harlot is a deep pit, And a
seductress is a narrow well.

²⁸She also lies in wait as for a victim,
And increases the unfaithful among men.

²⁹Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who
has contentions? Who has complaints?
Who has wounds without cause? Who
has redness of eyes?

³⁰Those who linger long at the wine,
Those who go in search of mixed wine.

³¹Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it sparkles in the cup, When it
swirls around smoothly;

³²At the last it bites like a serpent, And
stings like a viper.

³³Your eyes will see strange things, And
your heart will utter perverse things.

³⁴Yes, you will be like one who lies down
in the midst of the sea, Or like one who
lies at the top of the mast, saying:

³⁵They have struck me, but I was not
hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not
feel it. When shall I awake, that I may
seek another drink?

24Do not be envious of evil men,
Nor desire to be with them;

²For their heart devises violence, And
their lips talk of troublemaking.

³Through wisdom a house is built, And
by understanding it is established;

⁴By knowledge the rooms are filled With
all precious and pleasant riches.

⁵A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of
knowledge increases strength;

⁶For by wise counsel you will wage your
own war, And in a multitude of
counselors there is safety.

⁷Wisdom is too lofty for a fool; He does
not open his mouth in the gate.

⁸He who plots to do evil Will be called a
schemer.

⁹The devising of foolishness is sin, And
the scoffer is an abomination to men.

¹⁰You faint in the day of adversity,
Your strength is small.

¹¹ Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter.

¹² you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

¹³ My son, eat honey because it is good, And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste;

¹⁴ So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off.

¹⁵ Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous; Do not plunder his resting place;

¹⁶ For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

¹⁷ Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

¹⁸ Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him, And He turn away His wrath from him.

¹⁹ Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked;

²⁰ For there will be no prospect for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

²¹ My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those given to change;

²² For their calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin those two can bring?

²³ These things also belong to the wise: It is not good to show partiality in judgment.

²⁴ He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," Him the people will curse; Nations will abhor him.

²⁵ But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, And a good blessing will come upon them.

²⁶ He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.

²⁷ Prepare your outside work, Make it fit for yourself in the field; And afterward build your house.

²⁸ Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, For would you deceive with your lips?

²⁹ Do not say, "I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."

³⁰ I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;

³¹ And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.

³²When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction:

US A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest;

³⁴So shall your poverty come like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

25 These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied:

²It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

³As the heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.

⁴Take away the dross from silver, And it will go to the silversmith for jewelry.

⁵Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be established in righteousness.

⁶Do not exalt yourself in the presence of the king, And do not stand in the place of the great;

⁷For it is better that he say to you, "Come up here," Than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

⁸Do not go hastily to court; For what will you do in the end, When your neighbor has put you to shame?

⁹Debate your case with your neighbor, And do not disclose the secret to another;

¹⁰Lest he who hears it expose your shame, And your reputation be ruined.

¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.

¹²Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise rebuker to an obedient ear.

¹³Like the cold of snow in time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Whoever falsely boasts of giving Is like clouds and wind without rain.

¹⁵By long forbearance a ruler is persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks a bone.

¹⁶Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit.

¹⁷Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you.

¹⁸A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.

¹⁹Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

²⁰ Like one who takes away a garment in cold weather, And like vinegar on soda, Is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

²¹ your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

²² For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

²³ The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

²⁴ is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

²⁵ As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

²⁶ A righteous man who falters before the wicked Is like a murky spring and a polluted well.

²⁷ I is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not glory.

²⁸ Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls.

26 As snow in summer and rain in harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool.

² Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.

E A whip for the horse, A bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the fool's back.

⁴ Do not answer a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him.

⁵ Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

⁶ He who sends a message by the hand of a fool Cuts off his own feet and drinks violence.

⁷ Like the legs of the lame that hang limp Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

⁸ Like one who binds a stone in a sling Is he who gives honor to a fool.

⁹ Like a thorn that goes into the hand of a drunkard Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

¹⁰ The great God who formed everything Gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages.

¹¹ As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly.

¹² Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

¹³ The lazy man says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!"

¹⁴ As a door turns on its hinges, So does the lazy man on his bed.

¹⁵The lazy man buries his hand in the bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to his mouth.

¹⁶The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

¹⁷He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own Is like one who takes a dog by the ears.

¹⁸Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,

¹⁹Is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "I was only joking!"

²⁰Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.

²¹As charcoal is to burning coals, and wood to fire, So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

²²The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles, And they go down into the inmost body.

²³Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are like earthenware covered with silver dross.

²⁴He who hates, disguises it with his lips, And lays up deceit within himself;

²⁵When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations in his heart;

²⁶Though his hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly.

²⁷Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.

²⁸A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin.

2 ⁷Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

²Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

E ¹A stone is heavy and sand is weighty, But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them.

⁴Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy?

⁵Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed.

⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

⁷A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

⁸Like a bird that wanders from its nest Is a man who wanders from his place.

'Ointment and perfume delight the heart,
And the sweetness of a man's friend
gives delight by hearty counsel.

¹⁰Do not forsake your own friend or your
father's friend, Nor go to your brother's
house in the day of your calamity; Better
is a neighbor nearby than a brother far
away.

¹¹My son, be wise, and make my heart
glad, That I may answer him who
reproaches me.

¹²A prudent man foresees evil and hides
himself; The simple pass on and are
punished.

¹³Take the garment of him who is surety
for a stranger, And hold it in pledge
when he is surety for a seductress.

¹⁴He who blesses his friend with a loud
voice, rising early in the morning, It will
be counted a curse to him.

¹⁵A continual dripping on a very rainy
day And a contentious woman are alike;

¹⁶Whoever restrains her restrains the
wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

¹⁷As iron sharpens iron, So a man
sharpens the countenance of his friend.

¹⁸Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its
fruit; So he who waits on his master will
be honored.

¹⁹As in water face reflects face, So a
man's heart reveals the man.

²⁰Hell and Destruction are never full; So
the eyes of man are never satisfied.

²¹The refining pot is for silver and the
furnace for gold, And a man is valued by
what others say of him.

²²Though you grind a fool in a mortar
with a pestle along with crushed grain,
Yet his foolishness will not depart from
him.

²³Be diligent to know the state of your
flocks, And attend to your herds;

²⁴For riches are not forever, Nor does a
crown endure to all generations.

²⁵When the hay is removed, and the
tender grass shows itself, And the herbs
of the mountains are gathered in,

²⁶The lambs will provide your clothing,
And the goats the price of a field;

²⁷You shall have enough goats' milk for
your food, For the food of your
household, And the nourishment of your
maidservants.

28The wicked flee when no one
pursues, But the righteous are bold as a
lion.

²⁹Because of the transgression of a land,
many are its princes; But by a man of
understanding and knowledge Right will
be prolonged.

EA poor man who oppresses the poor Is
like a driving rain which leaves no food.

⁴Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But such as keep the law contend with them.

⁵Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all.

⁶Better is the poor who walks in his integrity Than one perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

⁷Whoever keeps the law is a discerning son, But a companion of gluttons shames his father.

⁸One who increases his possessions by usury and extortion Gathers it for him who will pity the poor.

⁹One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

¹⁰Whoever causes the upright to go astray in an evil way, He himself will fall into his own pit; But the blameless will inherit good.

¹¹The rich man is wise in his own eyes, But the poor who has understanding searches him out.

¹²When the righteous rejoice, there is great glory; But when the wicked arise, men hide themselves.

¹³He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

¹⁴Happy is the man who is always reverent, But he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

¹⁵Like a roaring lion and a charging bear Is a wicked ruler over poor people.

¹⁶A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days.

¹⁷A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

¹⁸Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved, But he who is perverse in his ways will suddenly fall.

¹⁹He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

²⁰A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

²¹To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

²²A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

²³He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

²⁴Whoever robs his father or his mother, And says, "It is no transgression," The same is companion to a destroyer.

²⁵He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered.

²⁶He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

²⁷He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

²⁸When the wicked arise, men hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29 He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

²When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

³Whoever loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, But a companion of harlots wastes his wealth.

⁴The king establishes the land by justice, But he who receives bribes overthrows it.

⁵A man who flatters his neighbor Spreads a net for his feet.

⁶By transgression an evil man is snared, But the righteous sings and rejoices.

⁷The righteous considers the cause of the poor, But the wicked does not understand such knowledge.

⁸Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise men turn away wrath.

⁹If a wise man contends with a foolish man, Whether the fool rages or laughs, there is no peace.

¹⁰The bloodthirsty hate the blameless, But the upright seek his well-being.

¹¹A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.

¹²a ruler pays attention to lies, All his servants become wicked.

¹³The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both.

¹⁴The king who judges the poor with truth, His throne will be established forever.

¹⁵The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

¹⁶When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increases; But the righteous will see their fall.

¹⁷Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

¹⁸Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

¹⁹A servant will not be corrected by mere words; For though he understands, he will not respond.

²⁰Do you see a man hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.

²¹He who pampers his servant from childhood
Will have him as a son in the end.

²²An angry man stirs up strife, And a
furious man abounds in transgression.

²³A man's pride will bring him low, But
the humble in spirit will retain honor.

²⁴Whoever is a partner with a thief hates
his own life; He swears to tell the truth,
but reveals nothing.

²⁵The fear of man brings a snare, But
whoever trusts in the LORD shall be
safe.

²⁶Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice
for man comes from the LORD.

²⁷An unjust man is an abomination to
the righteous, And he who is upright in
the way is an abomination to the wicked.

30The words of Agur the son of
Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared
to Ithiel--to Ithiel and Ucal:

²Surely I am more stupid than any man,
And do not have the understanding of a
man.

¹I neither learned wisdom Nor have
knowledge of the Holy One.

⁴Who has ascended into heaven, or
descended? Who has gathered the wind
in His fists? Who has bound the waters
in a garment? Who has established all
the ends of the earth? What is His name,
and what is His Son's name, If you
know?

⁵Every word of God is pure; He is a
shield to those who put their trust in Him.

⁶Do not add to His words, Lest He
rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

⁷Two things I request of You (Deprive
me not before I die):

⁸Remove falsehood and lies far from
me; Give me neither poverty nor riches--
Feed me with the food allotted to me;

⁹Lest I be full and deny You, And say,
"Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor
and steal, And profane the name of my
God.

¹⁰Do not malign a servant to his master,
Lest he curse you, and you be found
guilty.

¹¹There is a generation that curses its
father, And does not bless its mother.

¹²There is a generation that is pure in its
own eyes, Yet is not washed from its
filthiness.

¹³There is a generation-- oh, how lofty
are their eyes! And their eyelids are
lifted up.

¹⁴There is a generation whose teeth are
like swords, And whose fangs are like

knives, To devour the poor from off the earth, And the needy from among men.

¹⁵The leech has two daughters-- Give and Give! There are three things that are never satisfied, Four never say, "Enough!":

¹⁶The grave, The barren womb, The earth that is not satisfied with water-- And the fire never says, "Enough!"

¹⁷The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

¹⁸There are three things which are too wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do not understand:

¹⁹The way of an eagle in the air, The way of a serpent on a rock, The way of a ship in the midst of the sea, And the way of a man with a virgin.

²⁰This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth, And says, "I have done no wickedness."

²¹For three things the earth is perturbed, Yes, for four it cannot bear up:

²²For a servant when he reigns, A fool when he is filled with food,

²³A hateful woman when she is married, And a maidservant who succeeds her mistress.

²⁴There are four things which are little on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise:

²⁵The ants are a people not strong, Yet they prepare their food in the summer;

²⁶The rock badgers are a feeble folk, Yet they make their homes in the crags;

²⁷The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;

²⁸The spider skillfully grasps with its hands, And it is in kings' palaces.

²⁹ There are three things which are majestic in pace, Yes, four which are stately in walk:

³⁰A lion, which is mighty among beasts And does not turn away from any;

^UA greyhound, A male goat also, And a king whose troops are with him.

³² you have been foolish in exalting yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth.

³³For as the churning of milk produces butter, And wringing the nose produces blood, So the forcing of wrath produces strife.

3 1 The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:

²What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows?

³Do not give your strength to women, Nor your ways to that which destroys kings.

⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink;

⁵Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.

⁶Give strong drink to him who is perishing, And wine to those who are bitter of heart.

⁷Let him drink and forget his poverty, And remember his misery no more.

⁸Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all who are appointed to die.

⁹Open your mouth, judge righteously, And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

¹⁰Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

¹¹The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

¹²She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

¹³She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.

¹⁴She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar.

¹⁵She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.

¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night.

¹⁹She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.

²⁰She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet.

²²She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants.

²⁵Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

²⁷She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹"Many daughters have done well, But
you excel them all."

³⁰Charm is deceitful and beauty is
passing, But a woman who fears the
LORD, she shall be praised.

³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands, And
let her own works praise her in the gates.

Psalms of the Forefathers

PSALM 1

¹Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

⁴The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

¹Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing?

²The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

³"Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us."

⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision.

⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure:

⁶Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion."

⁷I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

"You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

¹⁰Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

PSALM 3

¹LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me.

²Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God."Selah

³But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

⁴I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill.Selah

⁵I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.

⁶I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around.

⁷Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.

⁸Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people.Selah

PSALM 4

¹Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood?Selah

³But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

⁴Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.Selah

⁵Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

⁸I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

¹Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.

²Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.

³My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

⁴For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.

⁵The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

⁶You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

⁷But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

⁸Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face.

'For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You.

¹¹But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.

¹²For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

PSALM 6

¹O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure.

²Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled.

³My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O LORD--how long?

⁴Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake!

⁵For in death there is no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks?

⁶I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears.

⁷My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies.

⁸Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping.

'The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer.

¹⁰Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 7

¹O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; And deliver me,

²Lest they tear me like a lion, Rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

^TO LORD my God, if I have done this: If there is iniquity in my hands,

⁴If I have repaid evil to him who was at peace with me, Or have plundered my enemy without cause,

⁵Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me; Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust. Selah

⁶Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!

⁷So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high.

⁸The LORD shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me.

'Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds.

¹⁰My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart.

¹¹God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

¹²He does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready.

¹³He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.

¹⁴Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.

¹⁵He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made.

¹⁶His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.

^{17a}will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

PSALM 8

¹O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

²Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

⁵For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

⁷All sheep and oxen-- Even the beasts of the field,

⁸The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

'O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

¹I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.

²I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

³When my enemies turn back, They shall fall and perish at Your presence.

⁴For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness.

⁵You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

⁶O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities; Even their memory has perished.

⁷But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment.

⁸He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.

⁹The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

¹⁰And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

¹²When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble.

¹³Have mercy on me, O LORD! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death,

¹⁴That I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in Your salvation.

¹⁵The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.

¹⁶The LORD is known by the judgment He executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

¹⁷The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

¹⁹Arise, O LORD, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight.

²⁰ut them in fear, O LORD, That the nations may know themselves to be but men.Selah

PSALM 10

¹Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?
Why do You hide in times of trouble?

²The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor;
Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.

³For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire;
He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD.

⁴The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God;
God is in none of his thoughts.

⁵His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight;
As for all his enemies, he sneers at them.

⁶He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved;
I shall never be in adversity."

⁷His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

⁸He sits in the lurking places of the villages;
In the secret places he murders the innocent;
His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless.

⁹He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den;
He lies in wait to catch the poor;
He catches the poor when he draws him into his net.

¹⁰So he crouches, he lies low, That the helpless may fall by his strength.

¹¹He has said in his heart, "God has forgotten;
He hides His face; He will never see."

¹²Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand!
Do not forget the humble.

¹³Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."

¹⁴But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief,
To repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You;
You are the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man;
Seek out his wickedness until You find none.

¹⁶The LORD is King forever and ever;
The nations have perished out of His land.

¹⁷LORD, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear,

¹⁸To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,
That the man of the earth may oppress no more.

PSALM 11

¹In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain"?

²For look! The wicked bend their bow,
They make ready their arrow on the
string, That they may shoot secretly at
the upright in heart.

^EIf the foundations are destroyed, What
can the righteous do?

⁴The LORD is in His holy temple, The
LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes
behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

⁵The LORD tests the righteous, But the
wicked and the one who loves violence
His soul hates.

⁶Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire
and brimstone and a burning wind Shall
be the portion of their cup.

⁷For the LORD is righteous, He loves
righteousness; His countenance
beholds the upright.

PSALM 12

¹Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases!
For the faithful disappear from among
the sons of men.

²They speak idly everyone with his
neighbor; With flattering lips and a
double heart they speak.

³May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaks proud things,

⁴Who have said, "With our tongue we
will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is
lord over us?"

⁵For the oppression of the poor, for the
sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,"
says the LORD; "I will set him in the
safety for which he yearns."

⁶The words of the LORD are pure words,
Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.

⁷You shall keep them, O LORD, You
shall preserve them from this generation
forever.

⁸The wicked prowl on every side, When
vileness is exalted among the sons of
men.

PSALM 13

¹How long, O LORD? Will You forget me
forever? How long will You hide Your
face from me?

²How long shall I take counsel in my
soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily?
How long will my enemy be exalted over
me?

³Consider and hear me, O LORD my
God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the
sleep of death;

⁴Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed
against him"; Lest those who trouble me
rejoice when I am moved.

⁵But I have trusted in Your mercy; My
heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

¹ I will sing to the LORD, Because He
has dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

¹The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

³They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

⁴Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call on the LORD?

⁵There they are in great fear, For God is with the generation of the righteous.

⁶You shame the counsel of the poor, But the LORD is his refuge.

⁷Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

²He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;

³He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

⁴In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵He who does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

PSALM 16

¹Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

²O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You."

³As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

⁴Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.

⁵O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
Because He is at my right hand I shall
not be moved.

'Therefore my heart is glad, and my
glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in
hope.

¹⁰For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see
corruption.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; In
Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your
right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PSALM 17

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to
my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is
not from deceitful lips.

²Let my vindication come from Your
presence; Let Your eyes look on the
things that are upright.

³You have tested my heart; You have
visited me in the night; You have tried
me and have found nothing; I have
purposed that my mouth shall not
transgress.

⁴Concerning the works of men, By the
word of Your lips, I have kept away from
the paths of the destroyer.

⁵Uphold my steps in Your paths, That
my footsteps may not slip.

⁶I have called upon You, for You will
hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me,
and hear my speech.

⁷Show Your marvelous lovingkindness
by Your right hand, O You who save
those who trust in You From those who
rise up against them.

⁸Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
Hide me under the shadow of Your
wings,

'From the wicked who oppress me,
From my deadly enemies who surround
me.

¹⁰They have closed up their fat hearts;
With their mouths they speak proudly.

¹¹They have now surrounded us in our
steps; They have set their eyes,
crouching down to the earth,

¹²As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And
like a young lion lurking in secret places.

¹³Arise, O LORD, Confront him, cast him
down; Deliver my life from the wicked
with Your sword,

¹⁴with Your hand from men, O LORD,
From men of the world who have their
portion in this life, And whose belly You
fill with Your hidden treasure. They are
satisfied with children, And leave the
rest of their possession for their babes.

¹⁵As for me, I will see Your face in
righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I
awake in Your likeness.

PSALM 18

¹I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

²The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer; My God, my strength,
in whom I will trust; My shield and the
horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

¹I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy
to be praised; So shall I be saved from
my enemies.

⁴The pangs of death surrounded me,
And the floods of ungodliness made me
afraid.

⁵The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried out to my God; He heard my
voice from His temple, And my cry came
before Him, even to His ears.

⁷Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of the hills also quaked
and were shaken, Because He was
angry.

⁸Smoke went up from His nostrils, And
devouring fire from His mouth; Coals
were kindled by it.

⁹He bowed the heavens also, and came
down With darkness under His feet.

¹⁰And He rode upon a cherub, and flew;
He flew upon the wings of the wind.

¹¹He made darkness His secret place;
His canopy around Him was dark waters
And thick clouds of the skies.

¹²From the brightness before Him, His
thick clouds passed with hailstones and
coals of fire.

¹³The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice,
Hailstones and coals of fire.

¹⁴He sent out His arrows and scattered
the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and
He vanquished them.

¹⁵Then the channels of the sea were
seen, The foundations of the world were
uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At
the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

¹⁶He sent from above, He took me; He
drew me out of many waters.

¹⁷He delivered me from my strong
enemy, From those who hated me, For
they were too strong for me.

¹⁸They confronted me in the day of my
calamity, But the LORD was my support.

¹⁹He also brought me out into a broad
place; He delivered me because He
delighted in me.

²⁰The LORD rewarded me according to
my righteousness; According to the
cleanness of my hands He has
recompensed me.

²¹For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from
my God.

²²For all His judgments were before me,
And I did not put away His statutes from
me.

²³I was also blameless before Him, And
I kept myself from my iniquity.

²⁴Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

²⁵With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;

²⁶With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

²⁷For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.

²⁸For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

²⁹For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall.

³⁰As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

³¹For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

³²It is God who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect.

³³He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.

³⁴He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.

³⁶You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.

³⁷I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

^{38a}I have wounded them, So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet.

³⁹For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me.

⁴⁰You have also given me the necks of my enemies, So that I destroyed those who hated me.

⁴¹They cried out, but there was none to save; Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them.

⁴²Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.

⁴³You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me.

⁴⁴As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

⁴⁵The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

⁴⁶The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

⁴⁷It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me;

⁴He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man.

⁴Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name.

⁵⁰Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

PSALM 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

²Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.

³There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.

⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

⁵Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.

⁶Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults.

¹³Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

PSALM 20

¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you;

²May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion;

³May He remember all your offerings, And accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah

⁴May He grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose.

⁵We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

⁷Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

⁸They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright.

'Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

PSALM 21

¹The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

²You have given him his heart's desire, And have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

³For You meet him with the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

⁴He asked life from You, and You gave it to him-- Length of days forever and ever.

⁵His glory is great in Your salvation; Honor and majesty You have placed upon him.

⁶For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence.

⁷For the king trusts in the LORD, And through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

⁸Your hand will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You.

'You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger; The LORD shall swallow them up in His wrath, And the fire shall devour them.

¹⁰Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, And their descendants from among the sons of men.

¹¹For they intended evil against You; They devised a plot which they are not able to perform.

¹²Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their faces.

¹³Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

PSALM 22

¹My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

²O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.

³But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.

⁴Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.

⁵They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

⁶But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

⁷All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

⁸He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"

'But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts.

¹⁰was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God.

¹¹Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help.

¹²Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.

¹³They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion.

¹⁴am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

^{17a} can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me.

¹⁸They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

²⁰Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.

²²will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.

²⁵My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.

²⁸For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive.

³⁰A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,

³¹They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

PSALM 24

¹The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.

²For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters.

³Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

⁵He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face.Selah

⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

'Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.Selah

PSALM 25

¹To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.

³Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

⁴Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

⁶Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.

⁹The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

¹¹For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

¹²Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

¹³He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

¹⁴The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

¹⁵My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

¹⁶Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

¹⁷The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses!

¹⁸Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins.

¹⁹Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred.

²⁰Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

²¹Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

²²Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!

PSALM 26

¹Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the LORD; I shall not slip.

²Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

³For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

⁴I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites.

⁵I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence; So I will go about Your altar, O LORD,

⁷That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works.

⁸LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.

'Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰ In whose hands is a sinister scheme, And whose right hand is full of bribes.

¹¹But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to me.

¹²My foot stands in an even place; In the congregations I will bless the LORD.

PSALM 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

²When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.

³Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.

⁴One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

⁵For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

'Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

¹²Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.

¹³ I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

PSALM 28

¹To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be silent to me, Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

²Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You, When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

³Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity, Who

speak peace to their neighbors, But evil is in their hearts.

⁴Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavors; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve.

⁵Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, Nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them And not build them up.

⁶Blessed be the LORD, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

⁷The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.

⁸The LORD is their strength, And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

'Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance; Shepherd them also, And bear them up forever.

PSALM 29

¹Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

²Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever.

¹¹The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

PSALM 30

¹I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.

³O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

⁵For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

⁶Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."

⁷LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled.

⁸I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

¹²To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

PSALM 31

¹In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness.

²Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me.

³For You are my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead
me and guide me.

⁴Pull me out of the net which they have
secretly laid for me, For You are my
strength.

⁵Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You
have redeemed me, O LORD God of
truth.

⁶I have hated those who regard useless
idols; But I trust in the LORD.

⁷I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy,
For You have considered my trouble;
You have known my soul in adversities,

⁸And have not shut me up into the hand
of the enemy; You have set my feet in a
wide place.

'Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am
in trouble; My eye wastes away with
grief, Yes, my soul and my body!

¹⁰For my life is spent with grief, And my
years with sighing; My strength fails
because of my iniquity, And my bones
waste away.

^{11a} I am a reproach among all my
enemies, But especially among my
neighbors, And am repulsive to my
acquaintances; Those who see me
outside flee from me.

^{12a} I am forgotten like a dead man, out of
mind; I am like a broken vessel.

¹³For I hear the slander of many; Fear is
on every side; While they take counsel

together against me, They scheme to
take away my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵My times are in Your hand; Deliver me
from the hand of my enemies, And from
those who persecute me.

¹⁶Make Your face shine upon Your
servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.

¹⁷Do not let me be ashamed, O LORD,
for I have called upon You; Let the
wicked be ashamed; Let them be silent
in the grave.

¹⁸Let the lying lips be put to silence,
Which speak insolent things proudly and
contemptuously against the righteous.

¹ Oh, how great is Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who
fear You, Which You have prepared for
those who trust in You In the presence
of the sons of men!

²⁰ You shall hide them in the secret place
of Your presence From the plots of man;
You shall keep them secretly in a
pavilion From the strife of tongues.

²¹Blessed be the LORD, For He has
shown me His marvelous kindness in a
strong city!

²²For I said in my haste, "I am cut off
from before Your eyes"; Nevertheless
You heard the voice of my supplications
When I cried out to You.

²³Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints!
For the LORD preserves the faithful,
And fully repays the proud person.

²⁴Be of good courage, And He shall
strengthen your heart, All you who hope
in the LORD.

PSALM 32

¹Blessed is he whose transgression is
forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

²Blessed is the man to whom the LORD
does not impute iniquity, And in whose
spirit there is no deceit.

³When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all the daylong.

⁴For day and night Your hand was
heavy upon me; My vitality was turned
into the drought of summer.Selah

⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my
iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will
confess my transgressions to the
LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of
my sin.Selah

⁶For this cause everyone who is godly
shall pray to You In a time when You
may be found; Surely in a flood of great
waters They shall not come near him.

⁷You are my hiding place; You shall
preserve me from trouble; You shall
surround me with songs of
deliverance.Selah

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the
way you should go; I will guide you with
My eye.

⁹Do not be like the horse or like the mule,
Which have no understanding, Which
must be harnessed with bit and bridle,
Else they will not come near you.

¹⁰Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy
shall surround him.

¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you
righteous; And shout for joy, all you
upright in heart!

PSALM 33

¹Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!
For praise from the upright is beautiful.

²Praise the LORD with the harp; Make
melody to Him with an instrument of ten
strings.

³Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully
with a shout of joy.

⁴For the word of the LORD is right, And
all His work is done in truth.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the goodness of the
LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens
were made, And all the host of them by
the breath of His mouth.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea
together as a heap; He lays up the deep
in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

'For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

¹³The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.

¹⁴From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth;

¹⁵He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

¹⁶No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

¹⁷A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,

¹⁹To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.

²¹For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.

²²Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

PSALM 34

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

⁵They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.

⁶This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

'Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

¹⁰The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

¹¹Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

²⁰He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

²¹Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

²²The LORD redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.

PSALM 35

¹Plead my cause, O LORD, with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.

²Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.

³Also draw out the spear, And stop those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

⁴Let those be put to shame and brought to dishonor Who seek after my life; Let those be turned back and brought to confusion Who plot my hurt.

⁵Let them be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the LORD chase them.

⁶Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

⁷For without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, Which they have dug without cause for my life.

⁸Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall.

⁹And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?"

¹¹ Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me things that I do not know.

¹² They reward me evil for good, To the sorrow of my soul.

¹³ But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart.

^{14a} paced about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother.

¹⁵ But in my adversity they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know it; They tore at me and did not cease;

¹⁶ with ungodly mockers at feasts They gnashed at me with their teeth.

¹⁷ Lord, how long will You look on? Rescue me from their destructions, My precious life from the lions.

¹ I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.

¹ Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them wink with the eye who hate me without a cause.

²⁰ For they do not speak peace, But they devise deceitful matters Against the quiet ones in the land.

²¹ They also opened their mouth wide against me, And said, "Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen it."

²² This You have seen, O LORD; Do not keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from me.

²³ Stir up Yourself, and awake to my vindication, To my cause, my God and my Lord.

²⁴ Vindicate me, O LORD my God, according to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.

²⁵ Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah, so we would have it!" Let them not say, "We have swallowed him up."

²⁶ Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who rejoice at my hurt; Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor Who exalt themselves against me.

²⁷ Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

² And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness And of Your praise all the day long.

PSALM 36

¹An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes.

²For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates.

³The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise and to do good.

⁴He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil.

⁵Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

⁷How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

⁸They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

⁹For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

¹⁰Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

¹¹Let not the foot of pride come against me, And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

¹²There the workers of iniquity have fallen; They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

PSALM 37

¹Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

²For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

³Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

⁴Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

⁶He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

⁷Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret--it only causes harm.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.

¹⁰For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more.

¹¹But the meek shall inherit the earth, And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

¹²The wicked plots against the just, And gnashes at him with his teeth.

¹³The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

¹⁴The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast down the poor and needy, To slay those who are of upright conduct.

¹⁵Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶A little that a righteous man has Is better than the riches of many wicked.

¹⁷For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.

¹ The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.

¹⁹They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

²⁰But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

²¹The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

²²For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off.

²³The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

²⁴Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.

^{25a} have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

²⁶He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

²⁷Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.

²⁸For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

² The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever.

³⁰The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.

³¹The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide.

³²The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.

³³The LORD will not leave him in his hand, Nor condemn him when he is judged.

³⁴Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the land; When the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

^{35a}have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.

³⁶Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no more; Indeed I sought him, but he could not be found.

³⁷Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace.

³ But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

³⁹But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰And the LORD shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

PSALM 38

¹O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

²For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Your hand presses me down.

³There is no soundness in my flesh Because of Your anger, Nor any health in my bones Because of my sin.

⁴For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

⁵My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness.

⁶I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

⁷For my loins are full of inflammation, And there is no soundness in my flesh.

⁸I am feeble and severely broken; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before You; And my sighing is not hidden from You.

¹⁰My heart pants, my strength fails me; As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.

¹¹My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off.

¹²Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long.

¹³But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth.

¹⁴Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth is no response.

¹⁵For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God.

¹⁶For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exalt themselves against me."

¹⁷For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me.

¹For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

¹ But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied.

²⁰Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow what is good.

²¹Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, be not far from me!

²²Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

PSALM 39

¹I said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me."

²I was mute with silence, I held my peace even from good; And my sorrow was stirred up.

³My heart was hot within me; While I was musing, the fire burned. Then I spoke with my tongue:

⁴LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am.

⁵Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.Selah

⁶Surely every man walks about like a shadow; Surely they busy themselves in vain; He heaps up riches, And does not know who will gather them.

⁷And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.

⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

⁹I was mute, I did not open my mouth, Because it was You who did it.

¹⁰Remove Your plague from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand.

¹¹When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity, You make his beauty melt away like a moth; Surely every man is vapor.Selah

¹²Hear my prayer, O LORD, And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

¹³Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength, Before I go away and am no more."

PSALM 40

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

² He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.

³ He has put a new song in my mouth-- Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

⁴ Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

⁵ Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.

⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

'I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know.

^{10a} I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.

¹¹ Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.

¹² For innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me.

¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me!

¹⁴ Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil.

¹⁵ Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

¹⁶ Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"

¹⁷ But I am poor and needy; Yet the LORD thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.

PSALM 41

¹ Blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

² The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

³The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed.

⁴I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

⁵My enemies speak evil of me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"

⁶And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies; His heart gathers iniquity to itself; When he goes out, he tells it.

⁷All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise my hurt.

⁸An evil disease," they say, "clings to him. And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more."

Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

¹⁰But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up, That I may repay them.

¹¹By this I know that You are well pleased with me, Because my enemy does not triumph over me.

¹²As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And set me before Your face forever.

¹³Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

¹As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

³My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?"

⁴When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.

⁶O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.

⁷Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.

⁸The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me-- A prayer to the God of my life.

I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

¹⁰As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

PSALM 43

¹Vindicate me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

²For You are the God of my strength; Why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

PSALM 44

¹We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, In days of old:

²You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.

³For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them.

⁴You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob.

⁵Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us.

⁶For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall my sword save me.

⁷But You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.

⁸In God we boast all day long, And praise Your name forever. Selah

⁹But You have cast us off and put us to shame, And You do not go out with our armies.

¹⁰You make us turn back from the enemy, And those who hate us have taken spoil for themselves.

¹¹You have given us up like sheep intended for food, And have scattered us among the nations.

¹²You sell Your people for next to nothing, And are not enriched by selling them.

¹³You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and a derision to those all around us.

¹⁴You make us a byword among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples.

¹⁵My dishonor is continually before me, And the shame of my face has covered me,

¹⁶Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the enemy and the avenger.

¹⁷All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Nor have we dealt falsely with Your covenant.

¹ Our heart has not turned back, Nor have our steps departed from Your way;

¹ But You have severely broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death.

²⁰ we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god,

²¹Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

²²Yet for Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

²³Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever.

²⁴Why do You hide Your face, And forget our affliction and our oppression?

²⁵For our soul is bowed down to the dust; Our body clings to the ground.

²⁶Arise for our help, And redeem us for Your mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

¹My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

²You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.

³Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty.

⁴And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

⁵Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You.

⁶Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

⁸All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.

'Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

¹⁰Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father's house;

¹¹So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship Him.

¹²And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.

¹³The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; Her clothing is woven with gold.

¹⁴She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.

¹⁵With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; They shall enter the King's palace.

¹⁶Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.

¹⁷ will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

³Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah

⁴There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

⁶The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

PSALM 47

¹Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

²For the LORD Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.

³He will subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.

⁴He will choose our inheritance for us,
The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah

⁵God has gone up with a shout, The
LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing
praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing praises with understanding.

⁸God reigns over the nations; God sits
on His holy throne.

'The princes of the people have
gathered together, The people of the
God of Abraham. For the shields of the
earth belong to God; He is greatly
exalted.

PSALM 48

¹Great is the LORD, and greatly to be
praised In the city of our God, In His
holy mountain.

²Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the
whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides
of the north, The city of the great King.

³God is in her palaces; He is known as
her refuge.

⁴For behold, the kings assembled, They
passed by together.

⁵They saw it, and so they marveled;
They were troubled, they hastened
away.

⁶Fear took hold of them there, And pain,
as of a woman in birth pangs,

⁷As when You break the ships of
Tarshish With an east wind.

⁸As we have heard, So we have seen In
the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city
of our God: God will establish it
forever. Selah

'We have thought, O God, on Your
lovingkindness, In the midst of Your
temple.

¹⁰According to Your name, O God, So is
Your praise to the ends of the earth;
Your right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the
daughters of Judah be glad, Because of
Your judgments.

¹²Walk about Zion, And go all around
her. Count her towers;

¹³Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her
palaces; That you may tell it to the
generation following.

¹⁴For this is God, Our God forever and
ever; He will be our guide Even to death.

PSALM 49

¹Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

²Both low and high, Rich and poor together.

³My mouth shall speak wisdom, And the meditation of my heart shall give understanding.

⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will disclose my dark saying on the harp.

⁵Why should I fear in the days of evil, When the iniquity at my heels surrounds me?

⁶Those who trust in their wealth And boast in the multitude of their riches,

⁷None of them can by any means redeem his brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him--

⁸For the redemption of their souls is costly, And it shall cease forever--

'That he should continue to live eternally, And not see the Pit.

¹⁰For he sees wise men die; Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, And leave their wealth to others.

¹¹Their inner thought is that their houses will last forever, Their dwelling places to all generations; They call their lands after their own names.

¹²Nevertheless man, though in honor, does not remain; He is like the beasts that perish.

¹³This is the way of those who are foolish, And of their posterity who approve their sayings.Selah

¹⁴Like sheep they are laid in the grave; Death shall feed on them; The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling.

¹⁵But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me.Selah

¹⁶Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased;

¹⁷For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him.

¹⁸Though while he lives he blesses himself (For men will praise you when you do well for yourself),

¹⁹He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They shall never see light.

²⁰A man who is in honor, yet does not understand, is like the beasts that perish.

PSALM 50

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God will shine forth.

³Our God shall come, and shall not keep
silent; A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very tempestuous all
around Him.

⁴He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His
people:

⁵ Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with
Me by sacrifice."

⁶Let the heavens declare His
righteousness, For God Himself is
Judge. Selah

⁷ Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O
Israel, and I will testify against you; I am
God, your God!

⁸I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices
Or your burnt offerings, Which are
continually before Me.

I will not take a bull from your house,
Nor goats out of your folds.

¹⁰For every beast of the forest is Mine,
And the cattle on a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the birds of the mountains,
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.

¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you;
For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.

¹³Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the
blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay
your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I
will deliver you, and you shall glorify
Me."

¹⁶But to the wicked God says: "What
right have you to declare My statutes,
Or take My covenant in your mouth,

¹⁷Seeing you hate instruction And cast
My words behind you?

¹⁸When you saw a thief, you consented
with him, And have been a partaker with
adulterers.

¹⁹ You give your mouth to evil, And your
tongue frames deceit.

²⁰ You sit and speak against your
brother; You slander your own mother's
son.

²¹These things you have done, and I
kept silent; You thought that I was
altogether like you; But I will rebuke you,
And set them in order before your eyes.

²² Now consider this, you who forget
God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there
be none to deliver:

²³Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
And to him who orders his conduct
aright I will show the salvation of God."

PSALM 51

¹Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

³For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

⁴Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight-- That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

⁶Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

'Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

'Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

¹⁴Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

¹⁶For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart-- These, O God, You will not despise.

¹⁸Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

¹ Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

PSALM 52

¹Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.

²Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

³You love evil more than good, Lying rather than speaking righteousness.Selah

⁴You love all devouring words, You deceitful tongue.

⁵God shall likewise destroy you forever; He shall take you away, and pluck you out of your dwelling place, And uproot you from the land of the living.Selah

⁶The righteous also shall see and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,

⁷ Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness."

⁸But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever.

'I will praise You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good.

PSALM 53

¹The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none who does good.

²God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

³Every one of them has turned aside; They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one.

⁴Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as

they eat bread, And do not call upon God?

⁵There they are in great fear Where no fear was, For God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; You have put them to shame, Because God has despised them.

⁶Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

PSALM 54

¹Save me, O God, by Your name, And vindicate me by Your strength.

²Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life; They have not set God before them.Selah

⁴Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is with those who uphold my life.

⁵He will repay my enemies for their evil. Cut them off in Your truth.

II I will freely sacrifice to You; I will praise Your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For He has delivered me out of all trouble; And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

PSALM 55

¹Give ear to my prayer, O God, And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

²Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,

³Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me.

⁴My heart is severely pained within me, And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

⁵Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me, And horror has overwhelmed me.

⁶So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

⁷Indeed, I would wander far off, And remain in the wilderness.Selah

'I would hasten my escape From the windy storm and tempest."

'Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

¹⁰Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble are also in the midst of it.

¹¹Destruction is in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

¹²For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one

who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him.

¹³But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.

¹⁴We took sweet counsel together, And walked to the house of God in the throng.

¹⁵Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell, For wickedness is in their dwellings and among them.

¹⁶As for me, I will call upon God, And the LORD shall save me.

¹⁷Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.

¹ He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, For there were many against me.

¹ God will hear, and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old.Selah Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God.

²⁰He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant.

²¹The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war was in his heart; His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords.

²²Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

²³But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction; Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in You.

PSALM 56

¹Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; Fighting all day he oppresses me.

²My enemies would hound me all day, For there are many who fight against me, O Most High.

³Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

⁴In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

⁵All day they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil.

⁶They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps, When they lie in wait for my life.

⁷Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God!

⁸You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?

⁹When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.

¹⁰In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word),

¹¹In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

¹²Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,

¹³For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, That I may walk before God In the light of the living?

PSALM 57

¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.

²I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me.

³He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.

⁴My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword.

⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

⁶They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They have dug a pit before me; Into the midst of it they themselves have fallen. Selah

⁷My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

⁸Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn.

'I will praise You, O Lord, among the
peoples; I will sing to You among the
nations.

¹⁰For Your mercy reaches unto the
heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

¹¹Be exalted, O God, above the
heavens; Let Your glory be above all the
earth.

PSALM 58

¹Do you indeed speak righteousness,
you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly,
you sons of men?

²No, in heart you work wickedness; You
weigh out the violence of your hands in
the earth.

³The wicked are estranged from the
womb; They go astray as soon as they
are born, speaking lies.

⁴Their poison is like the poison of a
serpent; They are like the deaf cobra
that stops its ear,

⁵Which will not heed the voice of
charmners, Charming ever so skillfully.

⁶Break their teeth in their mouth, O God!
Break out the fangs of the young lions,
O LORD!

⁷Let them flow away as waters which
run continually; When he bends his bow,
Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.

⁸Let them be like a snail which melts
away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of
a woman, that they may not see the sun.

'Before your pots can feel the burning
thorns, He shall take them away as with
a whirlwind, As in His living and burning
wrath.

¹⁰The righteous shall rejoice when he
sees the vengeance; He shall wash his
feet in the blood of the wicked,

¹¹So that men will say, "Surely there is a
reward for the righteous; Surely He is
God who judges in the earth."

PSALM 59

¹Deliver me from my enemies, O my
God; Defend me from those who rise up
against me.

²Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from bloodthirsty men.

³For look, they lie in wait for my life; The
mighty gather against me, Not for my
transgression nor for my sin, O LORD.

⁴They run and prepare themselves
through no fault of mine. Awake to help
me, and behold!

⁵You therefore, O LORD God of hosts,
the God of Israel, Awake to punish all
the nations; Do not be merciful to any
wicked transgressors. Selah

⁸At evening they return, They growl like
a dog, And go all around the city.

PSALM 60

⁷Indeed, they belch with their mouth;
Swords are in their lips; For they say,
"Who hears?"

⁸But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them;
You shall have all the nations in derision.

I will wait for You, O You his Strength;
For God is my defense.

¹⁰My God of mercy shall come to meet
me; God shall let me see my desire on
my enemies.

¹¹Do not slay them, lest my people
forget; Scatter them by Your power, And
bring them down, O Lord our shield.

¹²For the sin of their mouth and the
words of their lips, Let them even be
taken in their pride, And for the cursing
and lying which they speak.

¹³Consume them in wrath, consume
them, That they may not be; And let
them know that God rules in Jacob To
the ends of the earth.Selah

¹⁴And at evening they return, They growl
like a dog, And go all around the city.

¹⁵They wander up and down for food,
And howl if they are not satisfied.

¹⁶But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will
sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
For You have been my defense And
refuge in the day of my trouble.

¹⁷To You, O my Strength, I will sing
praises; For God is my defense, My God
of mercy.

¹O God, You have cast us off; You have
broken us down; You have been
displeased; Oh, restore us again!

²You have made the earth tremble; You
have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it
is shaking.

³You have shown Your people hard
things; You have made us drink the
wine of confusion.

⁴You have given a banner to those who
fear You, That it may be displayed
because of the truth.Selah

⁵That Your beloved may be delivered,
Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

⁶God has spoken in His holiness: "I will
rejoice; I will divide Shechem And
measure out the Valley of Succoth.

⁷Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;
Judah is My lawgiver.

⁸Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will
cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph
because of Me."

Who will bring me to the strong city?
Who will lead me to Edom?

^{10A}Is it not You, O God, who cast us off?
And You, O God, who did not go out
with our armies?

¹¹Give us help from trouble, For the help
of man is useless.

¹²Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 61

¹Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer.

²From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

³For You have been a shelter for me, A strong tower from the enemy.

⁴I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.Selah

⁵For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.

⁶You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations.

⁷He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!

⁸So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may daily perform my VowS.

PSALM 62

¹Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

³How long will you attack a man? You shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning wall and a tottering fence.

⁴They only consult to cast him down from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But they curse inwardly.Selah

⁵My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

⁷In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.

⁸Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.Selah

⁹Surely men of low degree are a vapor, Men of high degree are a lie; If they are weighed on the scales, They are altogether lighter than vapor.

¹⁰Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.

¹¹God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

¹²Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For You render to each one according to his work.

PSALM 63

¹O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

²So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

³Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

⁴Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

⁵My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.

⁶When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.

⁷Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

'My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

'But those who seek my life, to destroy it, Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

¹⁰They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for jackals.

¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

¹Hear my voice, O God, in my meditation; Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

²Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, From the rebellion of the workers of iniquity,

³Who sharpen their tongue like a sword, And bend their bows to shoot their arrows--bitter words,

⁴That they may shoot in secret at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him and do not fear.

⁵They encourage themselves in an evil matter; They talk of laying snares secretly; They say, "Who will see them?"

⁶They devise iniquities: "We have perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep.

⁷But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded.

⁸So He will make them stumble over their own tongue; All who see them shall flee away.

All men shall fear, And shall declare the work of God; For they shall wisely consider His doing.

¹⁰The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and trust in Him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.

¹Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.

²O You who hear prayer, To You all
flesh will come.

³Iniquities prevail against me; As for our
transgressions, You will provide
atonement for them.

⁴Blessed is the man You choose, And
cause to approach You, That he may
dwell in Your courts. We shall be
satisfied with the goodness of Your
house, Of Your holy temple.

⁵By awesome deeds in righteousness
You will answer us, O God of our
salvation, You who are the confidence
of all the ends of the earth, And of the
far-off seas;

⁶Who established the mountains by His
strength, Being clothed with power;

⁷You who still the noise of the seas, The
noise of their waves, And the tumult of
the peoples.

⁸They also who dwell in the farthest
parts are afraid of Your signs; You make
the outgoings of the morning and
evening rejoice.

⁹You visit the earth and water it, You
greatly enrich it; The river of God is full
of water; You provide their grain, For so
You have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its ridges abundantly, You
settle its furrows; You make it soft with
showers, You bless its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with Your
goodness, And Your paths drip with
abundance.

¹²They drop on the pastures of the
wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on
every side.

¹³The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

¹Make a joyful shout to God, all the
earth!

²Sing out the honor of His name; Make
His praise glorious.

³Say to God, "How awesome are Your
works! Through the greatness of Your
power Your enemies shall submit
themselves to You.

⁴All the earth shall worship You And sing
praises to You; They shall sing praises
to Your name."Selah

⁵Come and see the works of God; He is
awesome in His doing toward the sons
of men.

⁶He turned the sea into dry land; They
went through the river on foot. There we
will rejoice in Him.

⁷He rules by His power forever; His eyes
observe the nations; Do not let the
rebellious exalt themselves.Selah

⁸Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard,

'Who keeps our soul among the living,
And does not allow our feet to be moved.

¹⁰For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined.

¹¹You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs.

¹²You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.

¹³ I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows,

¹⁴Which my lips have uttered And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble.

^{15a} I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals, With the sweet aroma of rams; I will offer bulls with goats.Selah

¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done for my soul.

¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.

¹ If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

¹ But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!

PSALM 67

¹God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us,Selah

²That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

⁴Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth.Selah

⁵Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

⁶Then the earth shall yield her increase;
God, our own God, shall bless us.

⁷God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

PSALM 68

¹Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

²As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him.

⁵A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.

⁶God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

⁷O God, when You went out before Your people, When You marched through the wilderness, Selah

⁸The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

'You, O God, sent a plentiful rain, Whereby You confirmed Your inheritance, When it was weary.

¹⁰Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O God, provided from Your goodness for the poor.

¹¹The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it:

^{12a}Kings of armies flee, they flee, And she who remains at home divides the spoil.

¹³Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of

a dove covered with silver, And her feathers with yellow gold."

¹⁴When the Almighty scattered kings in it, It was white as snow in Zalmon.

¹⁵A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; A mountain of many peaks is the mountain of Bashan.

¹⁶Why do you fume with envy, you mountains of many peaks? This is the mountain which God desires to dwell in; Yes, the LORD will dwell in it forever.

¹⁷The chariots of God are twenty thousand, Even thousands of thousands; The Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

¹⁸You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, Even from the rebellious, That the LORD God might dwell there.

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah

²⁰Our God is the God of salvation; And to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death.

²¹But God will wound the head of His enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his trespasses.

²²The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,

²³That your foot may crush them in blood, And the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies."

²⁴They have seen Your procession, O God, The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary.

²⁵The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; Among them were the maidens playing timbrels.

²⁶Bless God in the congregations, The Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

²⁷There is little Benjamin, their leader, The princes of Judah and their company, The princes of Zebulun and the princes of Naphtali.

²⁸Your God has commanded your strength; Strengthen, O God, what You have done for us.

²⁹Because of Your temple at Jerusalem, Kings will bring presents to You.

³⁰Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, The herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples, Till everyone submits himself with pieces of silver. Scatter the peoples who delight in war.

³¹Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

³²Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah

³³To Him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which were of old! Indeed, He sends out His voice, a mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe strength to God; His excellence is over Israel, And His strength is in the clouds.

³⁵O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people. Blessed be God!

PSALM 69

¹Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.

²I sink in deep mire, Where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, Where the floods overflow me.

³I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God.

⁴Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, Being my enemies wrongfully; Though I have stolen nothing, I still must restore it.

⁵O God, You know my foolishness; And my sins are not hidden from You.

⁶Let not those who wait for You, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of Israel.

⁷Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face.

⁸I have become a stranger to my brothers, And an alien to my mother's children;

'Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

¹⁰When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, That became my reproach.

^{11a} also made sackcloth my garment; I became a byword to them.

¹²Those who sit in the gate speak against me, And I am the song of the drunkards.

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.

¹⁴Deliver me out of the mire, And let me not sink; Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters.

¹⁵Let not the floodwater overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up; And let not the pit shut its mouth on me.

¹⁶Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

¹⁷And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily.

¹ Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies.

¹ You know my reproach, my shame, and my dishonor; My adversaries are all before You.

²⁰Reproach has broken my heart, And I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

²¹They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

²²Let their table become a snare before them, And their well-being a trap.

²³Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see; And make their loins shake continually.

²⁴Pour out Your indignation upon them, And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them.

²⁵Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents.

²⁶For they persecute the ones You have struck, And talk of the grief of those You have wounded.

²⁷Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let them not come into Your righteousness.

²⁸Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.

² But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high.

³⁰ will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

³¹ This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves.

³² The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.

³³ For the LORD hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners.

³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.

³⁵ For God will save Zion And build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it.

³⁶ Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, And those who love His name shall dwell in it.

PSALM 70

¹ Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!

² Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt.

³ Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!"

⁴ Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"

⁵ But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

PSALM 71

¹ In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame.

² Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to me, and save me.

³ Be my strong refuge, To which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, For You are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

⁵ For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth.

⁶ By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.

⁷ I have become as a wonder to many, But You are my strong refuge.

⁸ Let my mouth be filled with Your praise And with Your glory all the day.

⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age; Do not forsake me when my strength fails.

¹⁰For my enemies speak against me;
And those who lie in wait for my life take
counsel together,

¹¹Saying, "God has forsaken him;
Pursue and take him, for there is none
to deliver him."

¹²O God, do not be far from me; O my
God, make haste to help me!

¹³Let them be confounded and
consumed Who are adversaries of my
life; Let them be covered with reproach
and dishonor Who seek my hurt.

¹⁴But I will hope continually, And will
praise You yet more and more.

¹⁵My mouth shall tell of Your
righteousness And Your salvation all the
day, For I do not know their limits.

¹⁶ will go in the strength of the Lord
GOD; I will make mention of Your
righteousness, of Yours only.

¹⁷O God, You have taught me from my
youth; And to this day I declare Your
wondrous works.

¹ Now also when I am old and
grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me,
Until I declare Your strength to this
generation, Your power to everyone
who is to come.

¹ Also Your righteousness, O God, is
very high, You who have done great
things; O God, who is like You?

²⁰You, who have shown me great and
severe troubles, Shall revive me again,

And bring me up again from the depths
of the earth.

²¹You shall increase my greatness, And
comfort me on every side.

²²Also with the lute I will praise You--
And Your faithfulness, O my God! To
You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One
of Israel.

²³My lips shall greatly rejoice when I
sing to You, And my soul, which You
have redeemed.

²⁴My tongue also shall talk of Your
righteousness all the day long; For they
are confounded, For they are brought to
shame Who seek my hurt.

PSALM 72

¹Give the king Your judgments, O God,
And Your righteousness to the king's
Son.

²He will judge Your people with
righteousness, And Your poor with
justice.

³The mountains will bring peace to the
people, And the little hills, by
righteousness.

⁴He will bring justice to the poor of the
people; He will save the children of the
needy, And will break in pieces the
oppressor.

⁵They shall fear You As long as the sun
and moon endure, Throughout all
generations.

⁶He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers that water the earth.

⁷In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

⁸He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

'Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust.

¹⁰The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts.

¹¹Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.

¹²For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper.

¹³He will spare the poor and needy, And will save the souls of the needy.

¹⁴He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

¹⁵And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, And daily He shall be praised.

¹⁶There will be an abundance of grain in the earth, On the top of the mountains; Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And

those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

¹⁷His name shall endure forever; His name shall continue as long as the sun. And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.

¹⁸Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!

¹ And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSALM 73

¹Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.

³For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm.

⁵They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like other men.

⁶Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them like a garment.

⁷Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.

⁸They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily.

'They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth.

¹⁰Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full cup are drained by them.

¹¹And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?"

¹²Behold, these are the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase in riches.

¹³Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning.

¹⁵I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children.

¹⁶When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me--

¹⁷Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end.

¹⁸Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.

¹⁹Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.

²⁰As a dream when one awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.

²¹Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind.

^{22a} I was so foolish and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.

²³Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.

²⁴ You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.

²⁵Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You.

²⁶My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

²⁷For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.

²⁸But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

PSALM 74

¹O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

²Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, The tribe of Your inheritance, which You have

redeemed-- This Mount Zion where You have dwelt.

³Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations. The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary.

⁴Your enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place; They set up their banners for signs.

⁵They seem like men who lift up Axes among the thick trees.

⁶And now they break down its carved work, all at once, With axes and hammers.

⁷They have set fire to Your sanctuary; They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground.

'They said in their hearts, "Let us destroy them altogether." They have burned up all the meeting places of God in the land.

'We do not see our signs; There is no longer any prophet; Nor is there any among us who knows how long.

¹⁰O God, how long will the adversary reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever?

¹¹Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? Take it out of Your bosom and destroy them.

¹²For God is my King from of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth.

¹³You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters.

¹⁴You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

¹⁵You broke open the fountain and the flood; You dried up mighty rivers.

¹⁶The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.

¹⁷You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.

¹⁸Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O LORD, And that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name.

¹⁹Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the wild beast! Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.

²⁰Have respect to the covenant; For the dark places of the earth are full of the haunts of cruelty.

²¹Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed! Let the poor and needy praise Your name.

²²Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; Remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.

²³Do not forget the voice of Your enemies; The tumult of those who rise up against You increases continually.

PSALM 75

¹We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.

²When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly.

³The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly. Selah

⁴I said to the boastful, "Do not deal boastfully," And to the wicked, "Do not lift up the horn.

⁵Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not speak with a stiff neck."

⁶For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south.

⁷But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

⁸For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth Drain and drink down.

'But I will declare forever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰§ All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted."

PSALM 76

¹In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

²In Salem also is His tabernacle, And His dwelling place in Zion.

³There He broke the arrows of the bow, The shield and sword of battle. Selah

⁴You are more glorious and excellent Than the mountains of prey.

⁵The stouthearted were plundered; They have sunk into their sleep; And none of the mighty men have found the use of their hands.

⁶At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both the chariot and horse were cast into a dead sleep.

⁷You, Yourself, are to be feared; And who may stand in Your presence When once You are angry?

⁸You caused judgment to be heard from heaven; The earth feared and was still,

'When God arose to judgment, To deliver all the oppressed of the earth. Selah

¹⁰Surely the wrath of man shall praise You; With the remainder of wrath You shall gird Yourself.

¹¹Make vows to the LORD your God, and pay them; Let all who are around Him bring presents to Him who ought to be feared.

¹²He shall cut off the spirit of princes; He is awesome to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

¹I cried out to God with my voice-- To God with my voice; And He gave ear to me.

²In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.

³I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.Selah

⁴You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

⁵I have considered the days of old, The years of ancient times.

⁶I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search.

⁷Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more?

⁸Has His mercy ceased forever? Has His promise failed forevermore?

⁹Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He in anger shut up His tender mercies?Selah

¹⁰And I said, "This is my anguish; But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High."

¹¹I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.

¹²I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

¹³Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary; Who is so great a God as our God?

¹⁴You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.

¹⁵You have with Your arm redeemed Your people, The sons of Jacob and Joseph.Selah

¹⁶The waters saw You, O God; The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water; The skies sent out a sound; Your arrows also flashed about.

¹⁸The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹Your way was in the sea, Your path in the great waters, And Your footsteps were not known.

²⁰You led Your people like a flock By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

¹Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,

³Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us.

⁴We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

⁵For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children;

⁶That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children,

⁷That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments;

⁸And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

⁹The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle.

¹⁰They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law,

¹¹And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.

¹²Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³He divided the sea and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap.

¹⁴In the daytime also He led them with the cloud, And all the night with a light of fire.

¹⁵He split the rocks in the wilderness, And gave them drink in abundance like the depths.

¹⁶He also brought streams out of the rock, And caused waters to run down like rivers.

¹⁷But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

¹⁸And they tested God in their heart By asking for the food of their fancy.

¹⁹Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?

²⁰Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?

²¹Therefore the LORD heard this and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, And anger also came up against Israel,

²²Because they did not believe in God, And did not trust in His salvation.

²³Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.

²⁵Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

²⁶He caused an east wind to blow in the heavens; And by His power He brought in the south wind.

²⁷He also rained meat on them like the dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the seas;

²⁸And He let them fall in the midst of their camp, All around their dwellings.

²⁹So they ate and were well filled, For He gave them their own desire.

³⁰They were not deprived of their craving; But while their food was still in their mouths,

³¹The wrath of God came against them, And slew the stoutest of them, And struck down the choice men of Israel.

³²In spite of this they still sinned, And did not believe in His wondrous works.

³³Therefore their days He consumed in futility, And their years in fear.

³⁴When He slew them, then they sought Him; And they returned and sought earnestly for God.

³⁵Then they remembered that God was their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer.

³⁶Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, And they lied to Him with their tongue;

³⁷For their heart was not steadfast with Him, Nor were they faithful in His covenant.

³⁸But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath;

³⁹For He remembered that they were but flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again.

⁴⁰How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert!

⁴¹Yes, again and again they tempted God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

⁴²They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,

⁴³When He worked His signs in Egypt, And His wonders in the field of Zoan;

⁴⁴Turned their rivers into blood, And their streams, that they could not drink.

⁴⁵He sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them, And frogs, which destroyed them.

⁴⁶He also gave their crops to the caterpillar, And their labor to the locust.

⁴⁷He destroyed their vines with hail, And
their sycamore trees with frost.

⁴¹He also gave up their cattle to the hail,
And their flocks to fiery lightning.

⁴¹He cast on them the fierceness of His
anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble,
By sending angels of destruction among
them.

⁵⁰He made a path for His anger; He did
not spare their soul from death, But
gave their life over to the plague,

⁵¹And destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt,
The first of their strength in the tents of
Ham.

⁵²But He made His own people go forth
like sheep, And guided them in the
wilderness like a flock;

⁵³And He led them on safely, so that
they did not fear; But the sea
overwhelmed their enemies.

⁵⁴And He brought them to His holy
border, This mountain which His right
hand had acquired.

⁵⁵He also drove out the nations before
them, Allotted them an inheritance by
survey, And made the tribes of Israel
dwell in their tents.

⁵⁶Yet they tested and provoked the Most
High God, And did not keep His
testimonies,

⁵⁷But turned back and acted unfaithfully
like their fathers; They were turned
aside like a deceitful bow.

⁵⁸For they provoked Him to anger with
their high places, And moved Him to
jealousy with their carved images.

⁵¹When God heard this, He was furious,
And greatly abhorred Israel,

⁶⁰So that He forsook the tabernacle of
Shiloh, The tent He had placed among
men,

⁶¹And delivered His strength into
captivity, And His glory into the enemy's
hand.

⁶²He also gave His people over to the
sword, And was furious with His
inheritance.

⁶³The fire consumed their young men,
And their maidens were not given in
marriage.

⁶⁴Their priests fell by the sword, And
their widows made no lamentation.

⁶⁵Then the Lord awoke as from sleep,
Like a mighty man who shouts because
of wine.

⁶⁶And He beat back His enemies; He put
them to a perpetual reproach.

⁶⁷Moreover He rejected the tent of
Joseph, And did not choose the tribe of
Ephraim,

⁶⁸But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount
Zion which He loved.

⁶¹And He built His sanctuary like the
heights, Like the earth which He has
established forever.

⁷⁰He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds;

⁷¹From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.

⁷²So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

PSALM 79

¹O God, the nations have come into Your inheritance; Your holy temple they have defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.

²The dead bodies of Your servants They have given as food for the birds of the heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the beasts of the earth.

³Their blood they have shed like water all around Jerusalem, And there was no one to bury them.

⁴We have become a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and derision to those who are around us.

⁵How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire?

⁶Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, And on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name.

⁷For they have devoured Jacob, And laid waste his dwelling place.

⁸Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, For we have been brought very low.

'Help us, O God of our salvation, For the glory of Your name; And deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, For Your name's sake!

¹⁰Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let there be known among the nations in our sight The avenging of the blood of Your servants which has been shed.

¹¹Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; According to the greatness of Your power Preserve those who are appointed to die;

¹²And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom Their reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.

¹³So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

²Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And come and save us!

³Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

⁴O LORD God of hosts, How long will You be angry Against the prayer of Your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in great measure.

⁶You have made us a strife to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

⁹You prepared room for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land.

¹⁰The hills were covered with its shadow, And the mighty cedars with its boughs.

¹¹She sent out her boughs to the Sea, And her branches to the River.

¹²Why have You broken down her hedges, So that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit?

¹³The boar out of the woods uproots it, And the wild beast of the field devours it.

¹⁴Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, And visit this vine

¹⁵And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, And the branch that You made strong for Yourself.

¹⁶It is burned with fire, it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.

¹⁷Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

PSALM 81

¹Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and strike the timbrel, The pleasant harp with the lute.

³Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn feast day.

⁴For this is a statute for Israel, A law of the God of Jacob.

⁵This He established in Joseph as a testimony, When He went throughout the land of Egypt, Where I heard a language I did not understand.

⁶I removed his shoulder from the burden; His hands were freed from the baskets.

⁷You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place

of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.Selah

⁸ Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen to Me!

'There shall be no foreign god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god.

^{10a} am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹ But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me.

¹² So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels.

¹³ ¹⁰h, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!

^{14a} would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries.

¹⁵ The haters of the LORD would pretend submission to Him, But their fate would endure forever.

¹⁶ He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."

PSALM 82

¹ God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods.

² How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked?Selah

³ Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy.

⁴ Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.

⁵ They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are unstable.

⁶ ¹ said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.

⁷ But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."

⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

¹ Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God!

² For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head.

³ They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

⁴ They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."

⁵For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You:

⁶The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites;

⁷Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

⁸Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. Selah

Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera, As with Jabin at the Brook Kishon,

¹⁰Who perished at En Dor, Who became as refuse on the earth.

¹¹Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,

¹²Who said, "Let us take for ourselves The pastures of God for a possession."

¹³O my God, make them like the whirling dust, Like the chaff before the wind!

¹⁴As the fire burns the woods, And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,

¹⁵So pursue them with Your tempest, And frighten them with Your storm.

¹⁶Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.

¹⁷Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,

¹⁸That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, Are the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM 84

¹How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young-- Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.

⁴Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

⁵Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

⁹O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

¹⁰For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a

doorkeeper in the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory; No
good thing will He withhold From those
who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man
who trusts in You!

PSALM 85

¹LORD, You have been favorable to
Your land; You have brought back the
captivity of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of Your
people; You have covered all their
sin. Selah

³You have taken away all Your wrath;
You have turned from the fierceness of
Your anger.

⁴Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to
cease.

⁵Will You be angry with us forever? Will
You prolong Your anger to all
generations?

⁶Will You not revive us again, That Your
people may rejoice in You?

⁷Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant
us Your salvation.

⁸I will hear what God the LORD will
speak, For He will speak peace To His

people and to His saints; But let them
not turn back to folly.

⁹Surely His salvation is near to those
who fear Him, That glory may dwell in
our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.

¹¹Truth shall spring out of the earth, And
righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good;
And our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before Him, And
shall make His footsteps our pathway.

PSALM 86

¹Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I am poor and needy.

²Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are
my God; Save Your servant who trusts
in You!

³Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to
You all day long.

⁴Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to
You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵For You, Lord, are good, and ready to
forgive, And abundant in mercy to all
those who call upon You.

⁶Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And
attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.

⁸Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.

All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

^{12a} will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

¹³For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴o God, the proud have risen against me, And a mob of violent men have sought my life, And have not set You before them.

¹⁵But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

¹⁶Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your maidservant.

¹⁷Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be

ashamed, Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

PSALM 87

¹His foundation is in the holy mountains.

²The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!Selah

⁴ I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: "This one was born there.'

⁵And of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one were born in her; And the Most High Himself shall establish her."

⁶The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: "This one was born there."Selah

⁷Both the singers and the players on instruments say, "All my springs are in you."

PSALM 88

¹O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You.

²Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry.

³For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draws near to the grave.

⁴I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength,

⁵Adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And who are cut off from Your hand.

⁶You have laid me in the lowest pit, In darkness, in the depths.

⁷Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah

⁸You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out;

⁹My eye wastes away because of affliction. LORD, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You.

¹⁰Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise You? Selah

¹¹Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction?

¹²Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³But to You I have cried out, O LORD, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

¹⁴LORD, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me?

¹⁵I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distraught.

¹⁶Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off.

¹⁷They came around me all day long like water; They engulfed me altogether.

¹⁸Loved one and friend You have put far from me, And my acquaintances into darkness.

PSALM 89

¹I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

²For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens."

³"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David:

⁴Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations." Selah

⁵And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints.

⁶For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among

the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?

⁷God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

'You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

¹⁰You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm.

¹¹The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them.

¹²The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name.

¹³You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

¹⁴Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

¹⁵Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance.

¹⁶In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

¹⁷For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD, And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁹Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people.

^{20a}I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,

²¹with whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him.

²²The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

²³He will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him.

²⁴'But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted.

²⁵Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers.

²⁶He shall cry to Me, "You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation."

²⁷Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

²⁸My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him.

²⁹His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.

³⁰If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments,

³¹ they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments,

³² Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes.

³³ Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.

³⁴ My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

³⁵ Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David:

³⁶ His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me;

³⁷ shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky."Selah

³⁸ But You have cast off and abhorred, You have been furious with Your anointed.

³⁹ You have renounced the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

⁴⁰ You have broken down all his hedges; You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

⁴¹ All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors.

⁴² You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice.

⁴³ You have also turned back the edge of his sword, And have not sustained him in the battle.

⁴⁴ You have made his glory cease, And cast his throne down to the ground.

⁴⁵ The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame.Selah

⁴⁶ How long, LORD? Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire?

⁴⁷ Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men?

⁴⁸ What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?Selah

⁴⁹ Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses, Which You swore to David in Your truth?

⁵⁰ Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants-- How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,

⁵¹ with which Your enemies have reproached, O LORD, With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

⁵² Blessed be the LORD forevermore! Amen and Amen.

PSALM 90

¹Lord, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought
forth, Or ever You had formed the earth
and the world, Even from everlasting to
everlasting, You are God.

³You turn man to destruction, And say,
"Return, O children of men."

⁴For a thousand years in Your sight Are
like yesterday when it is past, And like a
watch in the night.

⁵You carry them away like a flood; They
are like a sleep. In the morning they are
like grass which grows up:

⁶In the morning it flourishes and grows
up; In the evening it is cut down and
withers.

⁷For we have been consumed by Your
anger, And by Your wrath we are
terrified.

⁸You have set our iniquities before You,
Our secret sins in the light of Your
countenance.

⁹For all our days have passed away in
Your wrath; We finish our years like a
sigh.

¹⁰The days of our lives are seventy
years; And if by reason of strength they
are eighty years, Yet their boast is only
labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off,
and we fly away.

¹¹Who knows the power of Your anger?
For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

¹²So teach us to number our days, That
we may gain a heart of wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD! How long? And have
compassion on Your servants.

¹⁴Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our
days!

¹⁵Make us glad according to the days in
which You have afflicted us, The years
in which we have seen evil.

¹⁶Let Your work appear to Your servants,
And Your glory to their children.

¹⁷And let the beauty of the LORD our
God be upon us, And establish the work
of our hands for us; Yes, establish the
work of our hands.

PSALM 91

¹He who dwells in the secret place of the
Most High Shall abide under the shadow
of the Almighty.

²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge
and my fortress; My God, in Him I will
trust."

³Surely He shall deliver you from the
snare of the fowler And from the
perilous pestilence.

⁴He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take

refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

⁵You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

⁶Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

⁸Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

¹²In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

¹⁴Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

¹⁵He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

PSALM 92

¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

²To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night,

³On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound.

⁴For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands.

⁵O LORD, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.

⁶A senseless man does not know, Nor does a fool understand this.

⁷When the wicked spring up like grass, And when all the workers of iniquity flourish, It is that they may be destroyed forever.

⁸But You, LORD, are on high forevermore.

'For behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For behold, Your enemies shall perish; All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

¹⁰But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

¹¹My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; My ears hear my desire on the wicked Who rise up against me.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

¹⁵To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM 93

¹The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

²Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

³The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.

⁴The LORD on high is mightier Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.

PSALM 94

¹O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs-- O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!

²Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.

³LORD, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph?

⁴They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves.

⁵They break in pieces Your people, O LORD, And afflict Your heritage.

⁶They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.

⁷Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

⁸Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise?

He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see?

¹⁰He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?

¹¹The LORD knows the thoughts of man,
That they are futile.

¹²Blessed is the man whom You instruct,
O LORD, And teach out of Your law,

¹³That You may give him rest from the
days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for
the wicked.

¹⁴For the LORD will not cast off His
people, Nor will He forsake His
inheritance.

¹⁵But judgment will return to
righteousness, And all the upright in
heart will follow it.

¹⁶Who will rise up for me against the
evildoers? Who will stand up for me
against the workers of iniquity?

¹⁷Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul would soon have settled in
silence.

¹⁸I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O
LORD, will hold me up.

¹⁹In the multitude of my anxieties within
me, Your comforts delight my soul.

²⁰Shall the throne of iniquity, which
devises evil by law, Have fellowship with
You?

²¹They gather together against the life of
the righteous, And condemn innocent
blood.

²²But the LORD has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.

²³He has brought on them their own
iniquity, And shall cut them off in their
own wickedness; The LORD our God
shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let
us shout joyfully to the Rock of our
salvation.

²Let us come before His presence with
thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to
Him with psalms.

³For the LORD is the great God, And the
great King above all gods.

⁴In His hand are the deep places of the
earth; The heights of the hills are His
also.

⁵The sea is His, for He made it; And His
hands formed the dry land.

⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow
down; Let us kneel before the LORD our
Maker.

⁷For He is our God, And we are the
people of His pasture, And the sheep of
His hand. Today, if you will hear His
voice:

⁸Do not harden your hearts, as in the
rebellion, As in the day of trial in the
wilderness,

⁹When your fathers tested Me; They
tried Me, though they saw My work.

¹⁰For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, "It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'

¹¹so I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest.'

PSALM 96

¹Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

³Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

⁴For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

⁷Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

'Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;

¹²Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.

¹³For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

PSALM 97

¹The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!

²Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

^EA fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.

⁴His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

⁶The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.

⁷Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

'For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ou who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.

¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

PSALM 98

¹Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

²The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

⁶With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

'For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

PSALM 99

¹The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

²The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples.

³Let them praise Your great and awesome name-- He is holy.

⁴The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His footstool-- He is holy.

⁶Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called upon His name; They called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

⁷He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;
They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.

⁸You answered them, O LORD our God;
You were to them God-Who-Forgives,
Though You took vengeance on their deeds.

'Exalt the LORD our God, And worship
at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM 100

¹Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all
you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; Come
before His presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD, He is God; It is
He who has made us, and not we
ourselves; We are His people and the
sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise. Be
thankful to Him, and bless His name.

⁵For the LORD is good; His mercy is
everlasting, And His truth endures to all
generations.

PSALM 101

¹I will sing of mercy and justice; To You,
O LORD, I will sing praises.

²I will behave wisely in a perfect way.
Oh, when will You come to me? I will

walk within my house with a perfect
heart.

¹ I will set nothing wicked before my
eyes; I hate the work of those who fall
away; It shall not cling to me.

⁴A perverse heart shall depart from me; I
will not know wickedness.

⁵Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,
Him I will destroy; The one who has a
haughty look and a proud heart, Him I
will not endure.

⁶My eyes shall be on the faithful of the
land, That they may dwell with me; He
who walks in a perfect way, He shall
serve me.

⁷He who works deceit shall not dwell
within my house; He who tells lies shall
not continue in my presence.

⁸Early I will destroy all the wicked of the
land, That I may cut off all the evildoers
from the city of the LORD.

PSALM 102

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD, And let my
cry come to You.

²Do not hide Your face from me in the
day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to
me; In the day that I call, answer me
speedily.

³For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned like a hearth.

⁴My heart is stricken and withered like grass, So that I forget to eat my bread.

⁵Because of the sound of my groaning My bones cling to my skin.

⁶I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert.

⁷I lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.

⁸My enemies reproach me all day long; Those who deride me swear an oath against me.

'For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping,

¹⁰Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away.

¹¹My days are like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass.

¹²But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.

¹³You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

¹⁴For Your servants take pleasure in her stones, And show favor to her dust.

¹⁵So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, And all the kings of the earth Your glory.

¹⁶For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.

¹⁷He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer.

¹⁸This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD.

¹⁹For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth,

²⁰To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death,

²¹To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem,

²²When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

²³He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days.

^{24a} said, "O my God, Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations.

²⁵Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

²⁶They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed.

²⁷But You are the same, And Your years will have no end.

²¹ The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before You."

PSALM 103

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:

³Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

⁴Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

⁹He will not always strive with us, Nor will He keep His anger forever.

¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

¹²As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

¹⁴For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

¹⁶For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, And its place remembers it no more.

¹⁷But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

¹⁹The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

²⁰Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

²¹Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

²²Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

PSALM 104

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

²Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

³He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,

⁴Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

⁵You who laid the foundations of the earth, So that it should not be moved forever,

⁶You covered it with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains.

⁷At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.

⁸They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded for them.

⁹You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth.

¹⁰He sends the springs into the valleys; They flow among the hills.

¹¹They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹²By them the birds of the heavens have their home; They sing among the branches.

¹³He waters the hills from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

¹⁴He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, And vegetation for the service of man, That he may bring forth food from the earth,

¹⁵And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make his face shine, And bread which strengthens man's heart.

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are full of sap, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,

¹⁷Where the birds make their nests; The stork has her home in the fir trees.

¹⁸The high hills are for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.

¹⁹He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down.

²⁰You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

²¹The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God.

²²When the sun rises, they gather together And lie down in their dens.

²³Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening.

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions--

²⁵This great and wide sea, In which are innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great.

²⁶There the ships sail about; There is that Leviathan Which You have made to play there.

²⁷These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season.

²⁸What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

²⁹You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works.

³²He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.

³³will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

³⁴May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD.

³⁵May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

PSALM 105

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

²Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!

³Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

⁴Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!

⁵Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,

⁶O seed of Abraham His servant, You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

⁷He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

⁸He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations,

⁹The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac,

¹⁰And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,

¹¹Saying, "To you I will give the land of
Canaan As the allotment of your
inheritance,"

¹²When they were few in number,
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

¹³When they went from one nation to
another, From one kingdom to another
people,

¹⁴He permitted no one to do them
wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their
sakes,

¹⁵Saying, "Do not touch My anointed
ones, And do My prophets no harm."

¹⁶Moreover He called for a famine in the
land; He destroyed all the provision of
bread.

¹⁷He sent a man before them-- Joseph--
who was sold as a slave.

¹⁸They hurt his feet with fetters, He was
laid in irons.

¹⁹Until the time that his word came to
pass, The word of the LORD tested him.

²⁰The king sent and released him, The
ruler of the people let him go free.

²¹He made him lord of his house, And
ruler of all his possessions,

²²To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.

²³Israel also came into Egypt, And
Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

²⁴He increased His people greatly, And
made them stronger than their enemies.

²⁵He turned their heart to hate His
people, To deal craftily with His servants.

²⁶He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron
whom He had chosen.

²⁷They performed His signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.

²⁸He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they did not rebel against His word.

²⁹He turned their waters into blood, And
killed their fish.

³⁰Their land abounded with frogs, Even
in the chambers of their kings.

³¹He spoke, and there came swarms of
flies, And lice in all their territory.

³²He gave them hail for rain, And
flaming fire in their land.

³³He struck their vines also, and their fig
trees, And splintered the trees of their
territory.

³⁴He spoke, and locusts came, Young
locusts without number,

³⁵And ate up all the vegetation in their
land, And devoured the fruit of their
ground.

³⁶He also destroyed all the firstborn in their land, The first of all their strength.

³⁷He also brought them out with silver and gold, And there was none feeble among His tribes.

³ Egypt was glad when they departed, For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

³ He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to give light in the night.

⁴⁰The people asked, and He brought quail, And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places like a river.

⁴²For He remembered His holy promise, And Abraham His servant.

⁴³He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness.

⁴⁴He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of the nations,

⁴⁵That they might observe His statutes And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 106

¹Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? Who can declare all His praise?

³Blessed are those who keep justice, And he who does righteousness at all times!

⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation,

⁵That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, That I may glory with Your inheritance.

⁶We have sinned with our fathers, We have committed iniquity, We have done wickedly.

⁷Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, But rebelled by the sea--the Red Sea.

⁸Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power known.

⁹He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; So He led them through the depths, As through the wilderness.

¹⁰He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

¹¹The waters covered their enemies; There was not one of them left.

¹²Then they believed His words; They sang His praise.

¹³They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel,

¹⁴But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert.

¹⁵And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul.

¹⁶When they envied Moses in the camp, And Aaron the saint of the LORD,

¹⁷The earth opened up and swallowed Dathan, And covered the faction of Abiram.

¹⁸A fire was kindled in their company; The flame burned up the wicked.

¹⁹They made a calf in Horeb, And worshiped the molded image.

²⁰Thus they changed their glory Into the image of an ox that eats grass.

²¹They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt,

²²Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red Sea.

²³Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He destroy them.

²⁴Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word,

²⁵But complained in their tents, And did not heed the voice of the LORD.

²⁶Therefore He raised His hand in an oath against them, To overthrow them in the wilderness,

²⁷To overthrow their descendants among the nations, And to scatter them in the lands.

²⁸They joined themselves also to Baal of Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the dead.

²⁹Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, And the plague broke out among them.

³⁰Then Phinehas stood up and intervened, And the plague was stopped.

³¹And that was accounted to him for righteousness To all generations forevermore.

³²They angered Him also at the waters of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on account of them;

³³Because they rebelled against His Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his lips.

³⁴They did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom the LORD had commanded them,

³⁵But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works;

³⁶They served their idols, Which became a snare to them.

³⁷They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons,

³And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.

³ Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds.

⁴⁰Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people, So that He abhorred His own inheritance.

⁴¹And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles, And those who hated them ruled over them.

⁴²Their enemies also oppressed them, And they were brought into subjection under their hand.

⁴³Many times He delivered them; But they rebelled in their counsel, And were brought low for their iniquity.

⁴⁴Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry;

⁴⁵And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.

⁴⁶He also made them to be pitied By all those who carried them away captive.

⁴⁷Save us, O LORD our God, And gather us from among the Gentiles, To give thanks to Your holy name, To triumph in Your praise.

⁴⁸Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! And let

all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

PSALM 107

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

³And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

⁴They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

⁵Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses.

⁷And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

⁸Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

⁹For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

¹⁰Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons--

¹¹Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High,

¹²Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and there was none to help.

¹³Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces.

¹⁵Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

¹⁶For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.

¹⁷Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

¹⁸Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

²⁰He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

²¹Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

²²Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

²³Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters,

²⁴They see the works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep.

²⁵For He commands and raises the stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mount up to the heavens, They go down again to the depths; Their soul melts because of trouble.

²⁷They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, And are at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cry out to the LORD in their trouble, And He brings them out of their distresses.

²⁹He calms the storm, So that its waves are still.

³⁰Then they are glad because they are quiet; So He guides them to their desired haven.

³¹Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

³²Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders.

³³He turns rivers into a wilderness, And the watersprings into dry ground;

³⁴A fruitful land into barrenness, For the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

³⁵He turns a wilderness into pools of water, And dry land into watersprings.

³⁶There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a dwelling place,

³⁷And sow fields and plant vineyards, That they may yield a fruitful harvest.

³⁸He also blesses them, and they multiply greatly; And He does not let their cattle decrease.

³⁹When they are diminished and brought low Through oppression, affliction and sorrow,

⁴⁰He pours contempt on princes, And causes them to wander in the wilderness where there is no way;

⁴¹Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, And makes their families like a flock.

⁴²The righteous see it and rejoice, And all iniquity stops its mouth.

⁴³Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

PSALM 108

¹O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

²Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

¹I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations.

⁴For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.

⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth;

⁶That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

⁷God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem And measure out the Valley of Succoth.

⁸Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the helmet for My head; Judah is My lawgiver.

⁹Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will cast My shoe; Over Philistia I will triumph."

¹⁰Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?

¹¹Is it not You, O God, who cast us off? And You, O God, who did not go out with our armies?

¹²Give us help from trouble, For the help of man is useless.

¹³Through God we will do valiantly, For it is He who shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109

¹Do not keep silent, O God of my praise!

²For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

³They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause.

⁴In return for my love they are my accusers, But I give myself to prayer.

⁵Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

⁶Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand.

⁷When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.

⁸Let his days be few, And let another take his office.

Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

¹⁰Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places.

¹¹Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor.

¹²Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

¹³Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

¹⁴Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

¹⁵Let them be continually before the LORD, That He may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

¹⁶Because he did not remember to show mercy, But persecuted the poor and needy man, That he might even slay the broken in heart.

¹⁷As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; As he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

¹⁸As he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, So let it enter his body like water, And like oil into his bones.

¹⁹Let it be to him like the garment which covers him, And for a belt with which he girds himself continually.

²⁰Let this be the LORD's reward to my accusers, And to those who speak evil against my person.

²¹But You, O GOD the Lord, Deal with me for Your name's sake; Because Your mercy is good, deliver me.

²²For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

²³I am gone like a shadow when it lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.

²⁴My knees are weak through fasting,
And my flesh is feeble from lack of
fatness.

²⁵ also have become a reproach to
them; When they look at me, they shake
their heads.

²⁶Help me, O LORD my God! Oh, save
me according to Your mercy,

²⁷That they may know that this is Your
hand-- That You, LORD, have done it!

²⁸Let them curse, but You bless; When
they arise, let them be ashamed, But let
Your servant rejoice.

²⁹ Let my accusers be clothed with
shame, And let them cover themselves
with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

³⁰ will greatly praise the LORD with my
mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the
multitude.

³¹For He shall stand at the right hand of
the poor, To save him from those who
condemn him.

PSALM 110

¹The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My
right hand, Till I make Your enemies
Your footstool."

²The LORD shall send the rod of Your
strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of
Your enemies!

³Your people shall be volunteers In the
day of Your power; In the beauties of

holiness, from the womb of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.

⁴The LORD has sworn And will not
relent, "You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek."

⁵The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall
execute kings in the day of His wrath.

⁶He shall judge among the nations, He
shall fill the places with dead bodies, He
shall execute the heads of many
countries.

⁷He shall drink of the brook by the
wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the
head.

PSALM 111

¹Praise the LORD! I will praise the
LORD with my whole heart, In the
assembly of the upright and in the
congregation.

²The works of the LORD are great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in
them.

³His work is honorable and glorious, And
His righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has made His wonderful works to
be remembered; The LORD is gracious
and full of compassion.

⁵He has given food to those who fear
Him; He will ever be mindful of His
covenant.

⁶He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness.

⁹He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.

PSALM 112

¹Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.

²His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

⁵A good man deals graciously and lends; He will guide his affairs with discretion.

⁶Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

⁷He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

⁹He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be grieved; He will gnash his teeth and melt away; The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

¹Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!

²Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!

³From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name is to be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high,

⁶Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

⁷He raises the poor out of the dust, And
lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

⁸That He may seat him with princes--
With the princes of His people.

'He grants the barren woman a home,
Like a joyful mother of children. Praise
the LORD!

PSALM 114

¹ When Israel went out of Egypt, The
house of Jacob from a people of strange
language,

²Judah became His sanctuary, And
Israel His dominion.

³The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned
back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams, The
little hills like lambs.

⁵What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O
Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶O mountains, that you skipped like
rams? O little hills, like lambs?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of
the Lord, At the presence of the God of
Jacob,

⁸Who turned the rock into a pool of
water, The flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

¹Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But
to Your name give glory, Because of
Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

²Why should the Gentiles say, "So
where is their God?"

³But our God is in heaven; He does
whatever He pleases.

⁴Their idols are silver and gold, The
work of men's hands.

⁵They have mouths, but they do not
speak; Eyes they have, but they do not
see;

⁶They have ears, but they do not hear;
Noses they have, but they do not smell;

⁷They have hands, but they do not
handle; Feet they have, but they do not
walk; Nor do they mutter through their
throat.

⁸Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.

O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their
help and their shield.

¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;
He is their help and their shield.

¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust in the
LORD; He is their help and their shield.

¹²The LORD has been mindful of us; He
will bless us; He will bless the house of
Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

¹³He will bless those who fear the LORD,
Both small and great.

¹⁴May the LORD give you increase more
and more, You and your children.

¹⁵May you be blessed by the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

¹⁶The heaven, even the heavens, are
the LORD's; But the earth He has given
to the children of men.

¹⁷The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor
any who go down into silence.

¹⁸But we will bless the LORD From this
time forth and forevermore. Praise the
LORD!

PSALM 116

¹I love the LORD, because He has
heard My voice and my supplications.

²Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as
I live.

³The pains of death surrounded me, And
the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I
found trouble and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the
LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver
my soul!"

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful.

⁶The LORD preserves the simple; I was
brought low, and He saved me.

⁷Return to your rest, O my soul, For the
LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For You have delivered my soul from
death, My eyes from tears, And my feet
from falling.

⁹I will walk before the LORD In the land
of the living.

¹⁰I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am
greatly afflicted."

^{11a}I said in my haste, "All men are liars."

¹²What shall I render to the LORD For
all His benefits toward me?

¹³I will take up the cup of salvation, And
call upon the name of the LORD.

^{14a}I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in
the presence of all His people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD Is
the death of His saints.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am
Your servant, the son of Your
maidservant; You have loosed my
bonds.

^{17a}I will offer to You the sacrifice of
thanksgiving, And will call upon the
name of the LORD.

^{18a}I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in
the presence of all His people,

¹In the courts of the LORD's house, In
the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise
the LORD!

PSALM 117

¹Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!

²For His merciful kindness is great
toward us, And the truth of the LORD
endures forever. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 118

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures
forever."

³Let the house of Aaron now say, "His
mercy endures forever."

⁴Let those who fear the LORD now say,
"His mercy endures forever."

⁵I called on the LORD in distress; The
LORD answered me and set me in a
broad place.

⁶The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

⁷The LORD is for me among those who
help me; Therefore I shall see my desire
on those who hate me.

⁸It is better to trust in the LORD Than to
put confidence in man.

'It is better to trust in the LORD Than to
put confidence in princes.

¹⁰All nations surrounded me, But in the
name of the LORD I will destroy them.

¹¹They surrounded me, Yes, they
surrounded me; But in the name of the
LORD I will destroy them.

¹²They surrounded me like bees; They
were quenched like a fire of thorns; For
in the name of the LORD I will destroy
them.

¹³You pushed me violently, that I might
fall, But the LORD helped me.

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation.

¹⁵The voice of rejoicing and salvation is
in the tents of the righteous; The right
hand of the LORD does valiantly.

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD does
valiantly.

^{17a} shall not die, but live, And declare the
works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has chastened me severely,
But He has not given me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of
righteousness; I will go through them,
And I will praise the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD, Through
which the righteous shall enter.

²¹I will praise You, For You have
answered me, And have become my
salvation.

²²The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

²⁹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

PSALM 119

¹Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD!

²Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!

³They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

⁴You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.

⁵Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!

⁶Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments.

⁷I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.

⁸I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

⁹How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

¹¹Our word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

¹²Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.

¹³With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.

^{14a}I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.

^{15a}I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

^{16a}I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

¹⁷Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.

¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

¹⁹ am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul breaks with longing For Your judgments at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the proud--the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.

²² Remove from me reproach and contempt, For I have kept Your testimonies.

²³ Princes also sit and speak against me, But Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

²⁴ Your testimonies also are my delight And my counselors.

²⁵ My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

^{26a} I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.

²⁷ Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wonderful works.

²⁸ My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

²⁹ Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.

^{30a} I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before me.

³¹ I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

³² I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart.

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.

³⁶ I incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.

³⁷ Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

³⁸ Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted to fearing You.

³⁹ Turn away my reproach which I dread, For Your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for Your precepts; Revive me in Your righteousness.

⁴¹ Let Your mercies come also to me, O LORD-- Your salvation according to Your word.

⁴² So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.

⁴³ And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances.

⁴⁴ So shall I keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.

⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty, For I seek
Your precepts.

⁴⁶ I will speak of Your testimonies also
before kings, And will not be ashamed.

⁴⁷ And I will delight myself in Your
commandments, Which I love.

⁴⁸ My hands also I will lift up to Your
commandments, Which I love, And I will
meditate on Your statutes.

⁴⁹ Remember the word to Your servant,
Upon which You have caused me to
hope.

⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, For
Your word has given me life.

⁵¹ The proud have me in great derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.

^{52a} I remembered Your judgments of old,
O LORD, And have comforted myself.

⁵³ Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake
Your law.

⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs In
the house of my pilgrimage.

^{55a} I remember Your name in the night, O
LORD, And I keep Your law.

⁵⁶ This has become mine, Because I kept
Your precepts.

⁵⁷ You are my portion, O LORD; I have
said that I would keep Your words.

⁵⁸ I entreated Your favor with my whole
heart; Be merciful to me according to
Your word.

⁵⁹ I thought about my ways, And turned
my feet to Your testimonies.

⁶⁰ I made haste, and did not delay To
keep Your commandments.

⁶¹ The cords of the wicked have bound
me, But I have not forgotten Your law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks to
You, Because of Your righteous
judgments.

⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of Your
mercy; Teach me Your statutes.

⁶⁵ You have dealt well with Your servant,
O LORD, according to Your word.

⁶⁶ Teach me good judgment and
knowledge, For I believe Your
commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.

⁶⁸ You are good, and do good; Teach me
Your statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have forged a lie against
me, But I will keep Your precepts with
my whole heart.

⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as grease, But I delight in Your law.

⁷¹ is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

⁷² The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

⁷³ Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

⁷⁴ Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word.

^{75a} know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

⁷⁶ Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant.

⁷⁷ Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; For Your law is my delight.

⁷ⁱ Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood; But I will meditate on Your precepts.

⁷⁹ Let those who fear You turn to me, Those who know Your testimonies.

⁸⁰ Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, That I may not be ashamed.

⁸¹ My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.

⁸² My eyes fail from searching Your word, Saying, "When will You comfort me?"

⁸³ For I have become like a wineskin in smoke, Yet I do not forget Your statutes.

⁸⁴ How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?

⁸⁵ The proud have dug pits for me, Which is not according to Your law.

⁸⁶ All Your commandments are faithful; They persecute me wrongfully; Help me!

⁸⁷ They almost made an end of me on earth, But I did not forsake Your precepts.

⁸⁸ Revive me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

⁸ⁱ Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

⁹⁰ our faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

⁹¹ They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants.

⁹² Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

⁹³ will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have given me life.

⁴I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts.

⁵The wicked wait for me to destroy me, But I will consider Your testimonies.

⁶I have seen the consummation of all perfection, But Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

⁷Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

⁸You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me.

"I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.

^{100a} understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

^{101a} have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

^{102a} have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

¹⁰⁷ am afflicted very much; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your judgments.

¹⁰⁹ My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

^{112a} have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

¹¹³ I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.

¹¹⁴ You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

¹¹⁵ Depart from me, you evildoers, For I will keep the commandments of my God!

¹¹⁶ Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.

¹¹⁷ Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I shall observe Your statutes continually.

¹¹⁸ You reject all those who stray from Your statutes, For their deceit is falsehood.

¹¹⁹ You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.

¹²⁰ My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.

^{121a} I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors.

¹²² Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the proud oppress me.

¹²³ My eyes fail from seeking Your salvation And Your righteous word.

¹²⁴ Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes.

^{125a} I am Your servant; Give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.

¹²⁶ It is time for You to act, O LORD, For they have regarded Your law as void.

¹²⁷ Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

¹²⁸ Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰ The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments.

¹³² Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

¹³³ Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ Redeem me from the oppression of man, That I may keep Your precepts.

¹³⁵ Make Your face shine upon Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.

¹³⁶ Rivers of water run down from my eyes, Because men do not keep Your law.

¹³⁷ Righteous are You, O LORD, And upright are Your judgments.

¹³⁸ Your testimonies, which You have commanded, Are righteous and very faithful.

¹³⁹ My zeal has consumed me, Because my enemies have forgotten Your words.

¹⁴⁰ Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

^{141a} I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts.

¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, Yet Your commandments are my delights.

¹⁴⁴The righteousness of Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me understanding, and I shall live.

¹⁴⁵ cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

^{146a} cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies.

^{147a} rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.

¹⁴⁸My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.

¹⁴ Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O LORD, revive me according to Your justice.

¹⁵⁰They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law.

¹⁵¹ You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.

¹⁵²Concerning Your testimonies, I have known of old that You have founded them forever.

¹⁵³Consider my affliction and deliver me, For I do not forget Your law.

¹⁵⁴Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.

¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your statutes.

¹⁵⁶Great are Your tender mercies, O LORD; Revive me according to Your judgments.

¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my enemies, Yet I do not turn from Your testimonies.

^{158a} see the treacherous, and am disgusted, Because they do not keep Your word.

¹⁵⁹Consider how I love Your precepts; Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.

¹⁶⁰The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

¹⁶¹Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word.

¹⁶² rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

¹⁶³ hate and abhor lying, But I love Your law.

¹⁶⁴Seven times a day I praise You, Because of Your righteous judgments.

¹⁶⁵Great peace have those who love Your law, And nothing causes them to stumble.

¹⁶⁶LORD, I hope for Your salvation, And I do Your commandments.

¹⁶⁷My soul keeps Your testimonies, And
I love them exceedingly.

^{168a} keep Your precepts and Your
testimonies, For all my ways are before
You.

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come before You, O
LORD; Give me understanding
according to Your word.

¹⁷⁰Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.

¹⁷¹My lips shall utter praise, For You
teach me Your statutes.

¹⁷²My tongue shall speak of Your word,
For all Your commandments are
righteousness.

¹⁷³Let Your hand become my help, For I
have chosen Your precepts.

^{174a} long for Your salvation, O LORD,
And Your law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵Let my soul live, and it shall praise
You; And let Your judgments help me.

^{176a} have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant, For I do not forget
Your commandments.

PSALM 120

¹In my distress I cried to the LORD, And
He heard me.

²Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying
lips And from a deceitful tongue.

³What shall be given to you, Or what
shall be done to you, You false tongue?

⁴Sharp arrows of the warrior, With coals
of the broom tree!

⁵Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech,
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

⁶My soul has dwelt too long With one
who hates peace.

⁷I am for peace; But when I speak, they
are for war.

PSALM 121

¹I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From
whence comes my help?

²My help comes from the LORD, Who
made heaven and earth.

³He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall
neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper; The LORD
is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor
the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you from all
evil; He shall preserve your soul.

⁸The LORD shall preserve your going
out and your coming in From this time
forth, and even forevermore.

PSALM 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

²Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together,

⁴Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the LORD.

⁵For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

⁷Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

⁸For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you."

'Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.

PSALM 123

¹Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.

²Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has mercy on us.

³Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

⁴Our soul is exceedingly filled With the scorn of those who are at ease, With the contempt of the proud.

PSALM 124

¹If it had not been the LORD who was on our side," Let Israel now say--

²If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, When men rose up against us,

³Then they would have swallowed us alive, When their wrath was kindled against us;

⁴Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, The stream would have gone over our soul;

⁵Then the swollen waters Would have gone over our soul."

⁶Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

⁷Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD Are like
Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved,
but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
So the LORD surrounds His people
From this time forth and forever.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not
rest On the land allotted to the righteous,
Lest the righteous reach out their hands
to iniquity.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are
good, And to those who are upright in
their hearts.

⁵As for such as turn aside to their
crooked ways, The LORD shall lead
them away With the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel!

PSALM 126

¹When the LORD brought back the
captivity of Zion, We were like those
who dream.

²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing. Then they
said among the nations, "The LORD has
done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us,
And we are glad.

⁴Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As
the streams in the South.

⁵Those who sow in tears Shall reap in
Jy

⁶He who continually goes forth weeping,
Bearing seed for sowing, Shall
doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127

¹Unless the LORD builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it; Unless
the LORD guards the city, The
watchman stays awake in vain.

²It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit
up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For
so He gives His beloved sleep.

³Behold, children are a heritage from the
LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So
are the children of one's youth.

⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver
full of them; They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the
gate.

PSALM 128

¹Blessed is every one who fears the
LORD, Who walks in His ways.

²When you eat the labor of your hands,
You shall be happy, and it shall be well
with you.

³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In
the very heart of your house, Your
children like olive plants All around your
table.

⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the LORD.

⁵The LORD bless you out of Zion, And
may you see the good of Jerusalem All
the days of your life.

⁶Yes, may you see your children's
children. Peace be upon Israel!

PSALM 129

¹Many a time they have afflicted me
from my youth," Let Israel now say--

²Many a time they have afflicted me
from my youth; Yet they have not
prevailed against me.

³The plowers plowed on my back; They
made their furrows long."

⁴The LORD is righteous; He has cut in
pieces the cords of the wicked.

⁵Let all those who hate Zion Be put to
shame and turned back.

⁶Let them be as the grass on the
housetops, Which withers before it
grows up,

⁷With which the reaper does not fill his
hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his
arms.

⁸Neither let those who pass by them say,
"The blessing of the LORD be upon you;
We bless you in the name of the LORD!"

PSALM 130

¹Out of the depths I have cried to You, O
LORD;

²Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be
attentive To the voice of my
supplications.

^EIf You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O
Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with You, That
You may be feared.

⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And
in His word I do hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord More than
those who watch for the morning-- Yes,
more than those who watch for the
morning.

⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with
the LORD there is mercy, And with Him
is abundant redemption.

⁸And He shall redeem Israel From all his
iniquities.

PSALM 131

¹LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my
eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself
with great matters, Nor with things too
profound for me.

²Surely I have calmed and quieted my
soul, Like a weaned child with his
mother; Like a weaned child is my soul
within me.

^TO Israel, hope in the LORD From this
time forth and forever.

PSALM 132

¹LORD, remember David And all his afflictions;

²How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:

³"Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed;

⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids,

⁵Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods.

⁷Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool.

⁸Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.

'Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy.

¹⁰For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.

¹¹The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.

¹² your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach

them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."

¹³For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place:

¹⁴"This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

¹⁵ will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶ will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

¹⁷There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.

¹⁸His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."

PSALM 133

¹Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

³ is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore.

PSALM 134

¹Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of the LORD!

²Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD.

³The LORD who made heaven and earth Bless you from Zion!

PSALM 135

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants of the LORD!

²You who stand in the house of the LORD, In the courts of the house of our God,

³Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

⁴For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His special treasure.

⁵For I know that the LORD is great, And our Lord is above all gods.

⁶Whatever the LORD pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.

⁷He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain; He brings the wind out of His treasures.

⁸He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt, Both of man and beast.

⁹He sent signs and wonders into the midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

¹⁰He defeated many nations And slew mighty kings--

¹¹Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, And all the kingdoms of Canaan--

¹²And gave their land as a heritage, A heritage to Israel His people.

¹³our name, O LORD, endures forever, Your fame, O LORD, throughout all generations.

¹⁴For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.

¹⁵The idols of the nations are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.

¹⁶They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see;

¹⁷They have ears, but they do not hear; Nor is there any breath in their mouths.

¹⁸Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

¹⁹ Bless the LORD, O house of Israel! Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron!

²⁰Bless the LORD, O house of Levi! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!

²¹Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the
LORD!

PSALM 136

¹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is
good! For His mercy endures forever.

²Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For
His mercy endures forever.

³Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For
His mercy endures forever:

⁴To Him who alone does greatwonders,
For His mercy endures forever;

⁵To Him who by wisdom made the
heavens, For His mercy endures
forever;

⁶To Him who laid out the earth above
the waters, For His mercy endures
forever;

⁷To Him who made great lights, For His
mercy endures forever--

⁸The sun to rule by day, For His mercy
endures forever;

⁹The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His mercy endures forever.

¹⁰To Him who struck Egypt in their
firstborn, For His mercy endures forever;

¹¹And brought out Israel from among
them, For His mercy endures forever;

¹²With a strong hand, and with an
outstretched arm, For His mercy
endures forever;

¹³To Him who divided the Red Sea in
two, For His mercy endures forever;

¹⁴And made Israel pass through the
midst of it, For His mercy endures
forever;

¹⁵But overthrew Pharaoh and his army
in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures
forever;

¹⁶To Him who led His people through
the wilderness, For His mercy endures
forever;

¹⁷To Him who struck down great kings,
For His mercy endures forever;

¹⁸And slew famous kings, For His mercy
endures forever--

¹⁹Sihon king of the Amorites, For His
mercy endures forever;

²⁰And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy
endures forever--

²¹And gave their land as a heritage, For
His mercy endures forever;

²²A heritage to Israel His servant, For
His mercy endures forever.

²³Who remembered us in our lowly state,
For His mercy endures forever;

²⁴And rescued us from our enemies, For
His mercy endures forever;

²⁵Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.

²⁶Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.

PSALM 137

¹By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.

²We hung our harps Upon the willows in the midst of it.

³For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, And those who plundered us requested mirth, Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

⁴How shall we sing the LORD's song In a foreign land?

⁵If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget its skill!

⁶If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth-- If I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief joy.

⁷Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze it, raze it, To its very foundation!"

⁸O daughter of Babylon, who are to be destroyed, Happy the one who repays you as you have served us!

⁹Happy the one who takes and dashes Your little ones against the rock!

PSALM 138

¹I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You.

²I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

³In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth.

⁵Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.

⁸The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

PSALM 139

¹O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

³You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

⁵You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

⁸If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me;

¹²Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the

day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

¹³For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

^{14a} will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶our eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

¹⁷How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

¹⁹Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.

²⁰For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.

²¹Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

^{22a}hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

²⁴And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

¹Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men,

²Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war.

³They sharpen their tongues like a serpent; The poison of asps is under their lips.Selah

⁴Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent men, Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.

⁵The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me.Selah

⁶I said to the LORD: "You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

⁷O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

'Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked; Do not further his wicked scheme, Lest they be exalted.Selah

"As for the head of those who surround me, Let the evil of their lips cover them;

¹⁰Let burning coals fall upon them; Let them becast into the fire, Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

¹¹Let not a slanderer be established in the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him."

^{12a} know that the LORD will maintain The cause of the afflicted, And justice for the poor.

¹³Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence.

PSALM 141

¹LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.

²Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

³Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

⁴Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, To practice wicked works With men who work iniquity; And do not let me eat of their delicacies.

⁵Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall be as excellent oil; Let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.

⁶Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff, And they hear my words, for they are sweet.

⁷Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, As when one plows and breaks up the earth.

⁸But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the Lord; In You I take refuge; Do not leave my soul destitute.

'Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.

¹⁰Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I escape safely.

PSALM 142

¹I cry out to the LORD with my voice; With my voice to the LORD I make my supplication.

²I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.

³When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me.

⁴Look on my right hand and see, For there is no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul.

⁵I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.

⁶Attend to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are stronger than I.

⁷Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me."

PSALM 143

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness.

²Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

³For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

⁴Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands.

I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.Selah

⁷Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.

⁸Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

'Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies; In You I take shelter.

¹⁰Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

¹¹Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

¹²In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.

PSALM 144

¹Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle--

²My lovingkindness and my fortress, My high tower and my deliverer, My shield and the One in whom I take refuge, Who subdues my people under me.

³LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

⁴Man is like a breath; His days are like a passing shadow.

⁵Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, and come down; Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

⁶Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them.

⁷Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners,

⁸Whose mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

⁹I will sing a new song to You, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,

¹⁰The One who gives salvation to kings, Who delivers David His servant From the deadly sword.

¹¹Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood--

¹²That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; That our daughters may be as pillars, Sculptured in palace style;

¹³That our barns may be full, Supplying all kinds of produce; That our sheep may bring forth thousands And ten thousands in our fields;

¹⁴That our oxen may be well laden; That there be no breaking in or going out; That there be no outcry in our streets.

¹⁵Happy are the people who are in such a state; Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!

PSALM 145

¹I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever.

²Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

⁴One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.

⁵I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works.

⁶Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness.

⁷They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

¹⁰All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, And talk of Your power,

¹²To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, And the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

¹He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

PSALM 146

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

⁴His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.

⁵Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶Who made heaven and earth, The sea,
and all that is in them; Who keeps truth
forever,

⁷Who executes justice for the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry. The
LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
The LORD raises those who are bowed
down; The LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the strangers;
He relieves the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked He turns
upside down.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever-- Your
God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise
the LORD!

PSALM 147

¹Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing
praises to our God; For it is pleasant,
and praise is beautiful.

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He
gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted And binds
up their wounds.

⁴He counts the number of the stars; He
calls them all by name.

⁵Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.

⁶The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts
the wicked down to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praises on the harp to our God,

⁸Who covers the heavens with clouds,
Who prepares rain for the earth, Who
makes grass to grow on the mountains.

⁹He gives to the beast its food, And to
the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰He does not delight in the strength of
the horse; He takes no pleasure in the
legs of a man.

¹¹The LORD takes pleasure in those
who fear Him, In those who hope in His
mercy.

¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise
your God, O Zion!

¹³For He has strengthened the bars of
your gates; He has blessed your
children within you.

¹⁴He makes peace in your borders, And
fills you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵He sends out His command to the
earth; His word runs very swiftly.

¹⁶He gives snow like wool; He scatters
the frost like ashes;

¹⁷He casts out His hail like morsels;
Who can stand before His cold?

¹⁸He sends out His word and melts
them; He causes His wind to blow, and
the waters flow.

¹⁹He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel.

²⁰He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 148

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights!

²Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts!

³Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

⁴Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

⁶He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;

⁸Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

⁹Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;

¹⁰Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl;

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;

¹²Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

¹⁴And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints-- Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 149

¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints.

²Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

³Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.

⁵Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.

⁶Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;

⁸To bind their kings with chains, And
their nobles with fetters of iron;

'To execute on them the written
judgment-- This honor have all His
saints. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 150

¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in His
sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty
firmament!

²Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise
Him according to His excellent
greatness!

³Praise Him with the sound of the
trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and
harp!

⁴Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments
and flutes!

⁵Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise
Him with clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD. Praise the LORD!



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